



## Illinois Library Association

### **ILA Forum and Committee Reports**

This form is to be completed by committee chairs/forum managers in collaboration with board liaisons. The ILA Executive Board will have meetings on the following dates in 2018-19: September 20, 2018; November 29, 2018; January 31, 2019; April 11, 2019; and June 13, 2019. Reports should be submitted two weeks before each board meeting to the board liaison and the ILA office, 33 W. Grand Ave., Ste. 401, Chicago, IL 60654-6799; fax: 312-644-1899; email: [dfoote@ila.org](mailto:dfoote@ila.org).

### **iREAD**

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Forum or Committee

Brandi Smits \_\_\_\_\_  
Report completed by

11/15/18 \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

iREAD presented and/or tabled at the ILA Annual Conference as well as the California Library Association Annual Conference in Santa Clara, CA and the Minnesota Library Association Conference in the Twin Cities, and the AISLE Conference in Tinley Park, IL. Product for the 2019 Summer Reading program was displayed and for sale. There was a very positive response to the product as well as the theme.

We are currently accepting submissions for the 2020 resource guide. The theme is "Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover." Sarah Rice, our 2020 Resource Guide Coordinator is managing the task forces for each section of the resource guide. This year we had pledge forms for the librarians to fill out in the exhibit hall. If they filled out a pledge form, they received a special button. The pledge forms allow us to email people interested in contributing to the resource guide after the conference when they have time to complete the submission form. We are hopeful that this will increase the submissions.

We acquired the software, Forms Plus which should make our submission process go more smoothly for the librarians. So far we've heard a positive response.

We have selected the theme for the 2021 Summer Reading program. Our theme will be "Colors," with Alexandra Annen as the 2021 chair. This theme will be customizable per the desires of the individual library. The theme could be interpreted as an art theme and literally focus on colors. Libraries can also take a more socially aware interpretation and cultivate a summer reading theme around diversity and inclusivity.

We are currently receiving artwork proofs from our 2020 artists.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

We will be finalizing the slogan for the 2021 "Colors" theme. We had librarians from Illinois and California vote for their favorite.

We will choose products for the 2020 Summer Reading program. We will also continue to work on the 2020 Resource Guide.

IYSI meets in March. We are unsure at this time whether or not iREAD will have a table at the conference.

Questions or concerns that need to be addressed by the ILA Board:

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