



Illinois Library Association

ILA Committee and Forum Reports

This form is to be completed by committee chairs/forum managers in collaboration with board liaisons. The ILA Executive Board will meet on the following dates in 2019-20: 11/21/19, 1/30/20, 4/30/20, and 6/11/20. Reports should be submitted **two weeks before each board meeting** to the board and staff liaison (liaisons are listed on rosters at <http://www.ila.org/about/committees> or <http://www.ila.org/forums>) and the ILA office (email: dfoote@ila.org).

Committee or Forum: iREAD Committee

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

The state of Alaska is the latest adopter of the iREAD Summer Program! A webinar was held on August 12, 2019 to introduce librarians in the state of Alaska to the iREAD program and its many beneficial resources. iREAD presented and tabled on the exhibit floor of both the ILA Annual Conference in Tinley Park, the California Library Association in Pasadena, CA. (Incidentally, both conferences took place the same week.) iREAD was also represented at the Minnesota Library Association Conference in Mystic Lake, MN and the AISLE Conference in Springfield, IL. A selection of products from the 2020 was displayed and available for purchase at conferences; the iREAD t-shirts were (as always) a huge hit with conference attendees.

The committee is now accepting submissions for the 2021 resource guide. The theme is "Reading Colors Your World", and will feature artwork from Herve Tullet, Oliver Jeffers, Yuyi Morales and Zach Lehner. At the iREAD booth at ILA and CLA, librarians were encouraged to complete pledge forms for submitting ideas for the resource guide. The purpose of the pledge form is to have a way of communicating with people who expressed interest in completing the submission form.

The 2022 iREAD chair is Becca Boland of the Elia Area Public Library. The theme for the 2022 Summer Reading Program will focus on camping; the slogan of the program was voted on during the ILA and CLA conferences and will be announced before the next ILA Executive Board meeting.

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

Reorganizing the current iREAD Google Drive files and review of current committee processes. The current files have grown unwieldy and would benefit from a refresh and organization. The various opportunities for volunteers to participate in iREAD will be clarified.

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

The projected activities as outlined in the previous response will increase transparency of the iREAD

committee process, clarifying the time and financial commitment as well as the professional development benefit of serving on the committee.

Anticipated timeline(s) and completion date(s) for each project:

Meetings to discuss/implement changes in iREAD files and committee process will occur November 2019 - early January 2020.

Activities should be designed to advance the ILA Strategic Plan. Which strategic goal areas are best addressed by the activities above? Check all that apply and describe briefly how the activities will advance the goal(s). View the full plan at <http://www.ila.org/about/strategic-plan>.

Goal area: Advocacy—Legislative Advocacy

Goal area: Advocacy—Community Advocacy

Goal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Profession

Goal area: A Culture of Diversity and Inclusion—In the Association

Goal area: Delivery of Member Value

Goal area: Leadership

Questions or concerns that need to be addressed by the ILA Executive Board (**please discuss with your board or staff liaison first. Board liaisons can help with strategic, programmatic, policy-related and content-related questions; staff liaisons can help with procedural or business-related questions**):

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