



Illinois Library Association



Library Advocacy Tool Kit



Online Advocacy Resources

There are many excellent tools online for the library community to use to get ready to advocate their message. It would be a good practice for all librarians and library advocates to bookmark some of the following websites and check them daily in order to stay current and fresh with library issues.

The Illinois General Assembly provides links to the following information at www.ilga.gov:

- **Legislation and Laws:** All proposed Illinois bills and resolutions are listed here, along with the Illinois Compiled Statutes and the full text of the Illinois Constitution.
- **Senate:** Here is a full list of the senators with short biographies, the bills they sponsor, their district, their party affiliation, and committee roles. A full list of Senate committees, with transcripts and FOIA information, is also available.
- **House:** Here is a full list of the representatives with short biographies, the bills they sponsor, their district, their party affiliation, and committee roles. A full list of House committees, with transcripts and FOIA information, is also available.

ALA provides the following advocacy topic links at www.ala.org/advocacy:

- Advocacy & Public Policy
- Banned & Challenged Books
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
- Intellectual Freedom
- Literacy
- Public Awareness

ILA provides the following advocacy topic links at www.ila.org:

- Look Up Your State and Federal Elected Officials
- 2020–2022 Illinois Library Days and Dates to Remember
- Bigger Than a Building
- Advocacy Toolkit
- ILA Public Policy Principles
- Making Your Case
- Top Ten Advocacy Tips
- Policies and Procedures
- Creating or Changing Illinois State Law
- Legislative Issues
- Intro to Property Taxes for IL Libraries
- Illinois Minimum Wage Resources
- Census 2020 Resources
- TIFs and Public Library Districts in IL





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Illinois Resources

- Illinois Library Association, www.ila.org/advocacy
- Reaching Across Illinois Library System, www.railslibraries.info
- Illinois Heartland Library System, www.illinoisheartland.org
- Illinois State Library, www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/
- Illinois Association of School Library Educators (AISLE), www.aisled.org
- Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), www.carli.illinois.edu

Additional Resources

- American Library Association, www.ala.org/advocacy
- <http://www.ala.org/united/>
United for Libraries: A division of the American Library Association is geared to Friends of Libraries, Library Trustees and Library Foundations.
- <https://www.facebook.com/geekthelibrary/>
Geek the Library is a community awareness campaign designed to highlight the vital role of public libraries and raise awareness about critical funding issues.
- <http://www.ala.org/acrl/>
Association of College & Research Libraries is home to all academic library information, resources, reports, events, and more.
- <http://www.ala.org/aasl/>
American Association of School Librarians is home to all school library resources, tools, forums, events, and more.
- <https://www.ala.org/pla/>
Public Library Association is home to all public library resources, tools, forums, events, and more.
- <https://www.sla.org/>
Special Libraries Association has comprehensive tools for all special librarians.

