



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 2021-22: 9/23/21, 11/18/21, 1/13/22 (mid-year “mini meeting;” no report necessary unless you are requesting board action), 3/17/22, 5/19/22. 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: ila@ila.org.

Forum or Committee: IACRL

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

The November Journal Club was held November 11, 2021, discussing the article “Academic library spaces: Advancing student success and helping students thrive.”

The Membership committee hosted a 45-minute virtual social event on December 8, 2021, which was a big success. Feedback suggests that participants appreciate an informal place to gather and share successes without any discussion of the pandemic. Another of these events is being planned for the end of spring semester.

The Spark event for December was moved to April due to no proposal submissions, and when there were still no submissions it was shifted to a different kind of event—there will be a presentation on OER from the CARLI OER committee, followed by unconference-style breakout rooms to discuss related topics.

Planning for the IACRL spring newsletter is underway by the Communication committee, and the spring issue should be published the last week in March.

The Nominations committee is currently seeking a slate of candidates for the April elections. This is being coordinated with the timeline for the Spring newsletter so candidate statements can be included.

The Awards committee has put out calls for candidates for the Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year

award as well as the People's Choice Award in Scholarly Publishing.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

A call for new committee members will be going out soon so new members and chairs can be installed on July 1.

The Conference & Continuing Education committee is looking into hosting another ACRL webinar on Zoom.

The Membership committee has had to pause the membership video project due to a low number of committee members; they hope to have this going by the Fall once new committee members are installed.

The current President and Vice President/President Elect will be submitting a proposal for the IACRL Unconference to be held at ILA Annual 2022.

We have started to talk about plans for an IACRL luncheon at ILA Annual and are seeking a speaker.

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

None, thank you.