



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: Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

The IACRL newsletter released its fall issue on September 29, 2021.

After a summer hiatus, the Conference & Continuing Education committee took ownership of the Journal Club and held a session on September 29, 2021, discussion the article “Dreaming revolutionary futures: Critical race’s centrality to ending white supremacy.”

IACRL held its annual membership meeting on the first day of the ILA Annual Conference. The President gave a presentation on the forum’s activities and future goals and encouraged people to actively engage with the forum. The rest of the time was hosted by the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee. Participants discussed DEI topics in breakout rooms, and the committee solicited topics for future programming.

IACRL held its annual unconference on the second day of the ILA Annual Conference. The unconference had been skipped in 2020 due to limitations with Zoom, but since Zoom recently added capability for self-selecting breakout rooms, we decided to move ahead with it this year. There were some technical difficulties we couldn’t have anticipated due to the embedded Zoom windows in Pheedloop—this left us with a bunch of attendees who were there passively but did not participate. We learned some lessons for what to do if the conference is virtual again in 2022, and I think the people who did participate got something out of it.

We are discussing a new timeline for the People’s Choice Award in Scholarly Publishing and putting

together a “year at a glance” list of events with fixed timeframes to help future officers.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

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

The Membership committee is putting together a 45-minute virtual social event for December 8, 2021.

The next Spark event, Open Pathways: Exploring the Intersections of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Open Educational Resources, is taking place on December 9, 2021. A call for proposals has been sent out, and registration is underway.

The Conference & Continuing Education committee is still looking at options for hosting another ACRL webinar viewing on Zoom.

The Membership committee hopes to complete membership videos by Spring of 2022.

The Nomination committee will meet later this year to discuss nominees for the Spring 2022 officer elections.

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

None, thank you!