



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 2020-21: 9/24/20, 12/3/20, 3/25/21, and 5/20/21. 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: ila@ila.org).

Committee or Forum: Young Adult Services Forum

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

The YASF has continued to meet virtually this year, and we are working on increasing our participation from downstate libraries. Our big projects continue to be the [#WeWereHere](#) project database as well as Tournament of Books. We have been approved for the joint YASF-YSF Unconference as part of ILA. We are still working on some admin related tasks – getting relevant documents and information on the ILA website, cleaning up our social media and other accounts so that future board transitions happen as smoothly as possible. The Tournament of Books has been concluded and the winner will be announced this week!

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

We will continue to promote and add libraries, teen volunteers to the [#WeWereHere](#) project. We are still working on the Unconference in collaboration with the Youth Services Forum. Our next professional development opportunity is a discussion of Diversity Audits. We are also finalizing an EDI statement for YASF.

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

The [#WeWereHere](#) Project will continue during the pandemic to give teens volunteer opportunities and a voice while giving librarians a way to award service hours. The Tournament of Books will post reviews to the YASF blog and serve as a resource for librarians for material selection and promotion. The Unconference or alternative programming will provide librarians information and professional development on timely topics. The EDI statement will help guide YASF programming, including Tournament of Books as well as professional development opportunities.

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

The #WeWereHere Project will continue as long as the pandemic continues. The Tournament of Books is concluded and results will be announced this week. The Unconference is in development with YSF for the 2021 ILA Conference. The EDI statement will be completed soon.

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

The #WeWereHere Project gives librarians a way for teens to make a positive impact their communities.

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

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

The EDI statement will help to guide YASF members as they work on expanding membership and various projects.

Goal area: Delivery of Member Value

The addition of virtual professional development opportunities alternating with open board meetings allows an entry to engagement with YASF beyond the minutiae of board meetings.

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**):