



Illinois Library Association **Reports**

ILA Committee and Forum

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: Resources and Technical Services Forum

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

RTSF members presented several programs at the 2020 ILA Annual Conference. Plans are underway for our annual meeting, which will take place in early December. We will elect a new forum manager (for 2021-2022) at the meeting, and begin brainstorming topics for conference proposals for the 2021 ILA Annual Conference.

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

We will be retiring the ILA Blog and exploring (with assistance from ILA staff) better means of communicating with RTSF members.

At our upcoming meeting, we will discuss changes to the RTSF timeline, including moving our annual business meeting from mid- to late October (during conference) to early June. This will give the manager-elect a full year to work with the current forum manager. We will also meet in January of each year to plan and prepare our conference proposals. Changing the meeting schedule should allow for wider participation from RTSF members who are unable to attend conference or who have other commitments during conference. We will also be voting on updated bylaws for the forum.

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

The primary goal is to improve communication with RTSF members and to improve member participation in RTSF meetings and events. My hope is that member engagement will improve as well.

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

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

As I have mentioned, my hope is to bring more RTSF members into the conversation as well as into leadership roles in the organization. I will encourage current active members to reach out to their professional networks in order to bring more of our colleagues to the (virtual) table.

Improved communication is a must for RTSF – while the blog served a purpose, it is not the best method for communicating with membership since it requires members to both a) know that it exists, and b) either actively subscribe or remember to check the page for updates.

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**):

None at this time.

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