



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: IACRL

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

IACRL @ ILA included seven sessions presented by academic librarians. In addition, IACRL President's Program on Wednesday, October 20 was a presentation by ACRL President Jon E. Cawthorne who spoke about ACRL initiatives and DEI efforts. IACRL members also met during the business meeting on the same day. New officers were inducted, and IACRL committee chairs summarized their annual reports.

The ad-hoc bylaws committee held an open forum for feedback on September 25. Members offered suggestions for changes to the document. Revision of Bylaws was not ready for a vote at the annual meeting during the ILA conference. A call to membership went out on November 4 asking members for a final review. Current IACRL members will receive an email on November 18 with a link to the ballot to vote on the bylaws changes.

IACRL's inaugural People's Choice Award in Scholarly Publishing voting was completed and the winners announced. A webinar was held on November 9 to showcase the work of the three award winners: 1st place winner, JJ Pionke, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, for the article, "Library Employee Views of Disability and Accessibility"; Second-place winner, Elena Carrillo, University of Illinois at Chicago, for "Welcome to the Library: Data-Driven Student Worker Empowerment," (co-written with Dr. Jung Mi Scoulas); and 3rd place winner, Tina Griffin, also of the University of Illinois at Chicago, for the article "In Aggregate: Trends, Needs, and Opportunities from Research Data Management Surveys", co-written with Abigail Goblen.

Journal Club continues to meet bi-monthly. On October 29, Emily Gilbert, IACRL President Elect, led a discussion on Fobazi Ettarh's "Vocational awe and librarianship: The lies we tell ourselves."

IACRL President and Past President wrote a letter supporting CARLI's application for the US Department of Education Open Textbooks Pilot Grant, toward the forum's goal to find ways to support OER in the state.

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

Planning and promotion of Spark in December.

Continue monthly meetings of IACRL Journal Club.

Creation of DEI taskforce

Continue the IACRL webinar series.

Host ACRL Webinars, specifically reschedule *Teaching in Plain Language*

Continue to build relationships across library types.

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

Spark Conference: Main goals are professional development and networking.

DEI Taskforce: Main goals are to increase awareness and take action to make academic librarians more aware of diversity, equity, and inclusion issues.

OER: Main goals are to find ways to support and expand OER in academic libraries.

Bylaws: Main goals are to update bylaws and make necessary changes to standardize operation of IACRL.

Journal Club: The main goals are networking and professional development.

IACRL Webinar Series: The main goals are networking and professional development.

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IACRL Directory of Expertise: The main goals are networking and professional development.

Relationship-Building across Library Types: Main goal is networking.

Awards: The main goal is to highlight the good work of academic librarians and libraries across the state.

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

OER: Ongoing

Bylaws Revision: Fall 2020

Journal Club: Ongoing

Continue IACRL webinar series: Next webinar in early 2021. First webinar hosted in January 2020; Second webinar in November 2020.

Publish IACRL Directory of Experts: Open for submissions

Continue to build relationships across library types: Ongoing

Host ACRL Webinars: Set date for late January or early February 2021.

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

X Goal area: Advocacy—Community Advocacy

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

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

X Goal area: Delivery of Member Value

X Goal area: Leadership

IACRL activities and programs focus on building membership and offering academic librarians' opportunities to grow and learn. We recognize the crucial importance of a diverse membership to enrich the association, thus equity, diversity, and inclusion are foremost in our planning for the future. The majority of our initiatives strive to build community and offer people an opportunity to communicate and network, especially during these trying times of work-from-home and social distancing. IACRL endeavors to represent all librarians within academic institutions throughout the state of Illinois and respond to their needs by promoting a culture of diversity and inclusion as well as offering engaging programming in which to develop new skills and learn from others' experiences.

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**):

THANK YOU for your service to ILA and Illinois librarianship!