



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](mailto:ila@ila.org).

Forum or Committee: Students and New Professionals Forum

Report completed by: Sarai Barrios, Co-manager

Date: April 25, 2022

Activities underway or completed since the last report:

### I. New logo redesign

- A. Designing promotional T-Shirts for the giveaways
- B. Updating Social Media accounts with new logo updates

### II. Posting position for forum Marketing Manager

### III. ILA/ALA Survey

### **IV. Career Pathway Talk Series Webinar: How to Retain BIPOC Students and New Professionals in Librarianship**

Understanding the importance of an inclusive workplace is important for library staff at all levels. Black, Indigenous and People of Color remain underrepresented in LIS, despite the influx of diversity, equity & inclusion efforts by many library systems. Why is this happening and what can we do as students and new professionals to change the narrative? Through this informative webinar, library professionals will discuss key issues that present barriers for BIPOC library workers, strategies for fostering an inclusive workplace, and offer advice on recruiting and retaining BIPOC library workers.

**This webinar will be held on May 18, 2022**

The session will be moderated by Member, Anjelica Rufus-Barnes with an introduction by Co-Manager, Sarai Barrios.

### V. Next meeting Friday, May 20th at 10 am.

VI. SANP will be meeting with the Diversity Committee to develop a conference proposal for the ILA Annual Conference in October.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

The Forum plans on hosting a roundtable for students in September 2022. It will be focused on mental health and wellness in graduate school.

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