



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. We have wrapped up our Tournament of Books and are winding down our pandemic project, the [#WeWereHere](#) database. We are working on 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, like our YASF specific EDI statement. Our spring professional development discussion on diversity audits was very fruitful and notes are up on our blog.

Projected activities/initiatives during the upcoming months:

We are working on the Unconference in collaboration with the Youth Services Forum. We will be transitioning to a new board and management team after ILA, as well as determining a calendar for meetings and whether to continue all virtual or resume in-person meetings.

Intended outcome/goals of project(s):

The Unconference will provide librarians information and professional development on timely topics.

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

The Unconference is in development with YSF for the 2021 ILA Conference.

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

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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. Resuming an Unconference in collaboration with YSF offers educational and networking opportunities at the ILA conference for members.

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**):