



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.

Forum or Committee: Young Adult Services Form

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

For our professional development meeting on February 10th, we held a roundtable discussion of the following questions:

- What is something you have done in the past year or are working on now that you are proud of?
- What in your work with teens/libraries has been challenging for you lately?
- What is something new you have recently tried, are trying, or want to try?
- What is your favorite non-teen thing you read in the past year that has teen appeal?
- What is your favorite YA read from the past year?

This was a bit different from our usual speaker, but we felt that it was needed in a time when many of our members were feeling burnt out and in need of support. We are examining options for possibly hosting a speaker later in the year.

The [2022 Tournament of Books](#) is underway. Books and reviewers were selected for the Tournament, and we began posting the first round of reviews. The final round will be posted on April 15th, then members will vote on a winner. A People’s Choice bracket is running concurrently with the main Reviewer’s bracket. YASF Board Member Jennie Stephens is collecting, editing, and posting the reviews.

The award for Illinois library staff serving teens, previously called the Young Adult Librarian of the Year Award, is now officially called the Young Adult Library Professional of the Year Award. YASF members are encouraged to nominate someone.

Lisa Barefield was appointed to the YSI committee representing YASF.

YASF leadership met with DEI Committee President Veronica DeFazio to discuss DEI statements. YASF managers are working on edits, which will be given to Veronica to be shared with the

committee.

YASF participated in the ILA Forum Open House on February 25th. Izabel Gronski, Krista Hutley, and Kylie Peters were present to represent YASF. We told visitors about the forum's work and invited them to join us at future meetings. We also discussed some of the current projects and challenges we are experiencing in serving teens, and provided advice for a graduate student interested in going into teen services.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

We will continue to post reviews and host polls for the 2022 Tournament of Books. In May, we will host an RA-themed meeting. Options for possible future speakers will be considered. Preliminary discussion has occurred about plans for the 2022 ILA Annual Conference, and we will continue to explore what we want to do there.

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

None.