



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 2022-23: 9/22/22, 11/17/22, 1/12/23 (mid-year “mini meeting;” no report necessary unless you are requesting board action), 3/9/23, 5/25/23. Reports should be submitted two weeks before each board meeting to the board liaison, the ILA staff liaison, and emailed to ila@ila.org.

Forum or Committee: Young Adult Services Forum

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

At the ILA Annual Conference, manager and board duties were passed on to incumbents. Outgoing Manager Izabel Gronski completed her term. Kylie Peters is now Outgoing Manager, Krista Hutley is Forum Manager, and Andrea Johnson is Incoming Manager. Heather Colby will be the board member in charge of the Young Adult Library Professional of the Year award, replacing Martha Buehler-Sullivan. Erin Fixel will be the new Board Member At Large, replacing Nicole Mills.

At the Annual Conference, YASF hosted a joint Unconference with the Youth Services Forum and members presented the sessions “Get A Job: Helping Teens Get (and Keep) Their First Gig” and “Just Pay the Damn Teens.” Members who agreed to do attend ILA sessions that were relevant to teen services and write recaps for the YASF blog will post those in early November.

YASF held an open meeting at the Annual Conference that was attended by library staff from many areas of the profession. We discussed YASF’s purpose and mission, solicited feedback about the Unconference, and talked about professional development topics for 2023. YASF also had a popular booth in the Exhibits, where we made buttons with librarian and literary themes and also encouraged attendees to vote for “One Book to Rule Them All”, choosing the ultimate winner from all of our past Tournament of Books winners. We received 182 votes and the winner was *The Prince and the Dressmaker*. Our total engagement at our Exhibits Hall booth was 202 on Wednesday and 156 on Thursday.

YASF meetings through September 2023 were scheduled, and will be held virtually. One or two in-person special meetings are being considered.

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

We continue to collect book title suggestions for the Tournament of Books, and will soon begin soliciting reviewers. Titles and reviewers will be decided at our January meeting. At our November meeting, we will solicit more feedback on our activities at the Annual Conference and discuss potential topics for February's professional development meeting.

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