

## 2021 ILA Library Legislative Meet-ups as of 12/4/2020

The series will of course look a bit different this year. Since we no longer have to connect these events to a meal, we have some flexibility on the time; we could do a 10 a.m. "Coffee Break with Librarians" or 4:00 p.m. "Tea Time with Librarians." Or, we can stick with breakfast or lunchtime. Here are the possible dates; we don't know the legislative session calendar yet but assuming legislators won't be in session on Mondays or Fridays:

- Friday 1/29/21
- (Monday 2/1/2021 is PPC and Advocacy, which we could move if we had to)
- Friday 2/5/21 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
- Monday 2/8/2021
- (Friday 2/12/2021 iREAD Committee meeting)
- Monday 2/15/2021 METRO EAST
- Friday 2/19/2021 WEST SUBURBAN, NOON
- Monday 2/22/2021 PRESIDENTS DAY NORTH SUBURBAN MEET-UP
- Friday 2/26/2021
- (3/1/2021 is PPC and Advocacy, which we could move if we had to)
- Friday 3/5/2021

Also this year, in the virtual environment, the events will be shorter (1 hour?), with unfortunately, unlikely an opportunity to facilitate one-on-one conversations (can be encouraged as "homework" for attendees following the event):

- Opening welcome from ILA President Veronica De Fazio, highlighting libraries' service during the pandemic (any other local speakers?)
- Derek speaking about state advocacy
- Diane speaking about federal advocacy
- Legislator round-robin
- Closing from Veronica, focusing on next steps for connecting librarians/trustees and legislators

Confirmed coordinators:

- Northwestern: Lynn Stainbrook, Rockford Public Library
- West Suburban: Betsy Adamowski, Wheaton Public Library; Tim Jarzemsky, Bloomingdale Public Library; Kevin Davis, Messenger Public Library
- Chicago:
- South Suburban:
- Central:
- Southern Illinois: Amanda McKay, Effingham Public Library; Diana Brawley Sussman, Carbondale Public Library
- Metro East: Ryan Johnson, O'Fallon Public Library; *Ashley Stewart, Caseyville Public Library*