



CONFERENCE PREVIEW

2020 Illinois Library Association Virtual Conference

Conference Dates: October 20-22

For full conference information and to register online: ila.org/conference
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On behalf of the 2020 ILA Conference Program Committee, we are looking forward to welcoming everyone to the first-ever ILA Virtual Conference:

Many Libraries, One State: We Are ILA

When the first stay-at-home orders took effect in Illinois, it seemed impossible to believe that things wouldn't be back to normal by Annual Conference in October. But as time went on it became clear that this year's committee would have to rethink our plans to meet together in Springfield. The thought that we would not be able to meet in person seemed almost incomprehensible. Yet, not unprecedented. The very first issue of *Illinois Libraries*, from 1919, notes that the annual statewide meeting would be cancelled due to the influenza outbreak, replaced by a series of smaller regional meetings. Who could have imagined that a century later the Illinois library community would find itself facing a similar dilemma. Much like we did in 1919, we adapted. Instead of gathering in one location, this year, we'll convene online, network electronically in real time, and visit exhibits in a virtual marketplace. While the way we meet has changed, what hasn't changed is the array of high-quality topics and content you've come to expect.

Eric Klinenberg, author of *Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life* (Crown, 2018), will present the keynote, focused on libraries as healers of our divided, unequal society. LaShawnda Crowe Storm and Phyllis Viola Boyd will present the President's Program. Storm is a mixed-media artist, activist, community builder, and occasionally an urban farmer. In her spare time, she is the Community Engagement Director for Spirit & Place, at Indiana University-Purdue University, which utilizes the arts, humanities and religion as a catalyst for civic engagement, critical community dialogue, collaboration and experimentation. Boyd, an artist and urban strategist, serves as the Executive Director of Groundwork Indy, a non-profit organization that employs youth to work on community-based projects that equitably enhance environmental, economic, and social well-being.

In addition to these programs, you'll have an opportunity to attend a combination of live and recorded sessions, visit your favorite exhibitors at their virtual "booths," and celebrate the ILA Award Winners on the closing evening.

In times of uncertainty, it is comforting to know that we are not alone. From large university libraries to one-person special libraries, from sprawling urban systems to rural one room storefronts, come what may, we are in it together. We are resilient, and we are strong. Many Libraries, One State: We ARE ILA.

Mark your calendars for October 12-14, 2021, currently slated to take place in Peoria. No matter what 2021 brings, we'll convene again one way or another.



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Featured Speakers

Eric Klinenberg - Keynote

Tuesday, October 20, 12:00 - 1:30 P.M.



Eric Klinenberg is Helen Gould Shepard Professor of Social Science and Director of the Institute for Public Knowledge at New York University. He is the author of *Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life* (Crown, 2018), *Going Solo: The Extraordinary*

Rise and Surprising Appeal of Living Alone (The Penguin Press, 2012), *Fighting for Air: The Battle to Control America's Media* (Metropolitan Books, 2007), and *Heat Wave: A Social Autopsy of Disaster in Chicago* (University of Chicago Press, 2002), as well as the editor of *Cultural Production in a Digital Age*, co-editor of *Antidemocracy in America* (Columbia University Press, 2019), and co-author, with Aziz Ansari, of the New York Times #1 bestseller *Modern Romance* (The Penguin Press, 2015). His scholarly work has been published in journals including the *American Sociological Review*, *Theory and Society*, and *Ethnography*, and he has contributed to *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Rolling Stone*, and *This American Life*.

LaShawnda Crowe Storm & Phyllis Viola Boyd - President's Program

Wednesday, October 21, 12:00 - 1:30 P.M.



Phyllis Viola Boyd is an artist and urban strategist, and LaShawnda Crowe Storm is a community-based artist, community organizer and urban farmer. They are both community activists and social entrepreneurs, working to find creative solutions for the most pressing concerns in many of our communities. Their work is grounded within the context of arts-based community development, trauma-informed community building, healing historical harms, and other methodologies to guide how we work in community in order to do no harm.



Jon E. Cawthorne - IACRL President's Program

Wednesday, October 21, 3:00 - 4:00 P.M.



Jon E. Cawthorne is President of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). He serves as dean of Wayne State University Library System and the School of Information Sciences, a position he has held since 2017. Prior to this, Cawthorne served as dean of libraries at West Virginia University (2014-2017),

as associate dean of public services and assessment at Florida State University (2012-2014), and as associate university librarian for public services at Boston College (2011-2012). Cawthorne holds a M.L.S. degree from the University of Maryland, and a Ph.D. in managerial leadership in the information professions from Simmons College.

James A. Bowey - DiversiTEA

Wednesday, October 21, 4:15 - 5:15 P.M.



James A. Bowey, MFA, is a Chicago-based documentary artist whose work explores issues of human rights and social connection. He has spent his career covering a wide range of global and national stories from the war in Bosnia to Hurricane Katrina. His photography and writing have been featured in

The New York Times, *Time Magazine*, *the Associated Press*, as well as in numerous exhibitions. Building on his career as an international photojournalist, editor and professor of art and media, Bowey creates what he calls "interactivations" that combine documentary storytelling, visual art and live programs in an art form that promotes empathy and bridges social divisions. His current projects about refugees and race in America have been presented in dozens of libraries around the country.

Awards Ceremony

Thursday, October 22, 5:30 P.M.

Join us at our first Virtual Awards Ceremony. This has been a challenging year for everyone, so let's take this opportunity to celebrate our colleagues and friends within the Illinois library community at this special ceremony.

This year, as with previous years, we will honor and recognize the best in librarianship throughout the state. The ceremony will be free to attend, but space will be limited, so please look for registration details from ILA. This is an event you won't want to miss!

Program Schedule at a Glance

Tuesday, October 20

11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Exhibits Open
NOON – 1:30 P.M.	TBS Opening Session, featuring Eric Klinenberg
1:45 – 2:45 P.M.	Program Session 1
3:00 – 4:00 P.M.	Program Session 2
4:15 – 5:15 P.M.	Program Session 3

Thursday, October 22

11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Exhibits Open
NOON – 1:00 P.M.	Program Session 7
1:15 – 2:15 P.M.	Program Session 8
2:30 – 3:30 P.M.	Program Session 9
3:45 – 4:45 P.M.	Program Session 10
5:30 – 6:30 P.M.	Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, October 21

11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Exhibits Open
NOON – 1:30 P.M.	Membership Meeting & President's Program
1:45 – 2:45 P.M.	Program Session 4
3:00 – 4:00 P.M.	Program Session 5
4:15 – 5:15 P.M.	Program Session 6

Exhibits

The Virtual Exhibit Hall will be open 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. each day of the conference. Be sure to make time to visit our exhibitors.



Registration Rates & Deadlines

Your full conference registration includes access to all sessions, the exhibit hall (virtual marketplace), and attendee lounges. The virtual conference features live and taped program sessions that will be available for viewing later; Keynote, President's Program, and Membership Meeting general sessions, and a virtual marketplace, featuring our exhibitors.

Register online at ila.org/conference. Questions? Email ila@ila.org

	Early Bird	Advance	On-site
Full Conference Registration	by 9/21	by 10/12	after 10/12
ILA Member	\$100	\$125	\$150
Non-member	\$150	\$175	\$200
Full-time Student/ Retired/ Unemployed Member	\$50	\$75	\$75

Cancellation Policy

All refund requests must be received in writing by October 12, 2020. No telephone cancellations/refund requests can be accepted. Please email refund requests to ila@ila.org.

No refunds after October 12. All cancellations are subject to a \$15 processing fee.

If you have any questions regarding registration, please email ila@ila.org.



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