# Illinois Library Association Annual Conference Travel Expectations & Itinerary

As outlined in your Statement of Work, you are invited to attend the Illinois Library Association (ILA) Annual Conference in Springfield, Illinois with program mentors. Conference attendance will give you an opportunity to learn more about careers in librarianship, as well as the innovative ways libraries connect and collaborate with their community. You will be paid for attending the conference (24 hours for the week).

The conference is scheduled from October 24-26, 2023, but we will head up to Springfield on the afternoon of Monday, October 23rd. We will be taking Amtrak to Springfield on the 2:55 pm train. We will return from the conference on Thursday, October 26th on the 5:11 train arriving in St. Louis at 7:11 pm.

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| **Monday, October 23** | |
| 2:15pm | Arrive at St. Louis Gateway Amtrak Station (430 South 15th Street St. Louis, MO 63103-2607) **no later than 2:15 pm**.  Train 318 - Lincoln Service Missouri River Runner  **You must have your state issued ID to travel.** |
| 4:43pm | Approximate arrival at Springfield Amtrak Station, 100 North 3rd Street, Springfield, IL 62701. |
| 4:45 – 5:45pm | 10-minute walk to hotel, **Wyndham Springfield City Centre, 700 E Adams St, Springfield, IL** & check into rooms & relax. Each person has their own hotel room. |
| 6:00pm | Meet for dinner in hotel lobby. |
| 6:00 – 730pm | Dinner: Obed & Isaac's Microbrewery and Eatery, 500 S 6th St, Springfield, IL 62701 (5 min walk); Menu: <https://www.connshg.com/obed-and-isaacs/springfield/springfield-menu/> |

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| **Tuesday, October 24** | |
| 7:00am | Meet in hotel lobby to go to Wyndham hotel breakfast buffet. |
| 8:30am | Meet in hotel lobby at 8:30am to walk to conference center, Bank of Springfield Center (BOS), 1 Convention Center Plaza Springfield, IL 62701 |
| 9:00 – 10:30am | Opening General Session: Dr. Emily Knox; Location: BOS Center: B11 Ballroom |
| 10:45 – 11:45am | Program Session 1; Title: Always Negotiate: Getting the Pay You Deserve; Location: BOS Center: B4 |
| Noon – 1:15pm | Lunch: Cafe Moxo, 411 E Adams St, Springfield, IL 62701 (5 min walk); Menu: <http://cafemoxo.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Menu-Cafe-Fall-2023.pdf> |
| 1:30 – 2:30pm | Program Session 2; Title: One Book, One Community: How One Community Shared the Experience of Reading Art Spiegelman’s Graphic Novel, Maus; Location: BOS Center: B10 |
| 2:45 – 3:45pm | Program Session 3; Title: Transforming Spaces: Fostering Culturally Responsive Environments in Libraries; Location: BOS Center: B7 |
| 4:00 – 5:00pm | Program Session 4; Title: iRead Showcase; Location: BOS Center: B10 |
| 6:30pm | Meet for dinner in hotel lobby. |
| 6:30 – 7:45pm | Dinner: Maldaner's Restaurant, 222 S 6th St, Springfield, IL 62701; Menu: <https://maldaners.com/dinner/> |

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| **Wednesday, October 25** | |
| 7:45am | Meet in hotel lobby to go to a catered breakfast. |
| 8:00 – 10:00am | Youth Services Forum Author Breakfast: Jason Chin;Location: Wyndham: Vista 1-3;See menu here: <https://www.ila.org/events/annual-conference/catering-menus> |
| 10:15 – 11:45am | Membership Meeting and President's Program;Featured Speaker: De'Amon Harges;Location: BOS Center: B11 Ballroom |
| Noon – 1:30pm | Exhibits Opening Lunch; Location: Exhibits Hall; See menu here: <https://www.ila.org/events/annual-conference/catering-menus> |
| 1:45 – 2:45pm | Program Session 6; Title: Books, Batting, and Beyond: Engaging the Community with a Freedom Quilt; Location: BOS Center: B7 |
| 3:00 – 4:00pm | Program Session 7;Title: Promising Partnership for a Diverse Workforce: A Toolkit for Libraries and Work-Based Learning; Presenters: **Lora Del Rio, Tammie Busch, Jacob Del Rio, & Elizabeth Kamper**; Location: BOS Center: B10 |
| 4:00 – 5:00pm | Exhibits Ice Cream Social / Hotel Break |
| 5:00pm | Meet for dinner in hotel lobby. |
| 5:00 – 600pm | Dinner; Location: La Piazza Cucina Italiana, 220 S 6th St, Springfield, IL 62701; Menu: <https://www.lapiazzaci.com/about-1> |
| 5:30 – 7:00pm | Illinois State Library Dessert Reception (optional); Location: Illinois State Library Atrium, 300 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL 62701 |
| 7:30 – 9:00pm | Lincoln's Ghost Walk (90-minute lantern lit 10-block walking tour); Begins: #1 Old State Capitol Plaza South Corner of 6th and Adams St. Look for the Lincoln Family Statues. Tour ends at the Lincoln Depot on Monroe St.; More info here: <https://springfieldwalkstours.com/lincolns-ghost-walk/> |
| 9:00pm | Return to hotel |

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| **Thursday, October 26** | |
| 8:30am | Meet in hotel lobby to check out of hotel, store luggage, and go to breakfast. |
| 8:45 – 10:00am | Breakfast |
| 10:00 – 11:00am | DLCTE Curriculum, Poster Sessions, & Exhibits Coffee Break |
| 11:00am – Noon | Program Session 9; Title: Getting the Interview, Getting the Job: Advice from hiring managers; Location: BOS Center: B1 |
| Noon – 1:30pm | Exhibits Closing Lunch; Location: Exhibits Hall; See menu here: <https://www.ila.org/events/annual-conference/catering-menus> |
| 1:45 – 2:45pm | Program Session 10; Title: Collaborating to connect African American communities in southern Illinois with their heritage; Location: BOS Center: B2 |
| 3:00 – 4:00pm | Collect luggage from the hotel front desk, and order carryout to eat for dinner on the train. Carry Out: Jimmy John's, 219 S 6th St, Springfield, IL 62704 |
| 4:30pm | Arrive at Springfield Amtrak Station (100 North 3rd Street, Springfield, IL 62701) **no later than 4:30 pm**.  Train 21 – Texas Eagle  **You must have your state issued ID to travel.** |
| 7:11pm | Approximate arrival at St. Louis Gateway Amtrak Station (430 South 15th Street St. Louis, MO 63103-2607). |