

# RAILS Report

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## Consortia Staff In-Service Day

The next in-service day for consortia staff will be held November 10, 2017 at Waubensee Community College in Sugar Grove. All consortia staff are welcome and encouraged to attend. The focus will be member engagement. Michelle Bradley, Member Engagement Manager from Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) in Michigan, will be the keynote speaker. Please share any suggestions you have about specific aspects of member engagement you'd be interested in having her discuss. There will be discussion tables in the afternoon, with further details to come as the date gets closer. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided.

## LLSAP Grants

Three libraries received LLSAP membership grants in the final regular award period of FY2017:

- Ransom Memorial Public Library (in Altona): \$8,246.44 to join RSA
- Prairie Creek Public Library District (in Dwight): \$5,786.08 to upgrade its membership in RSA from Union List to Basic Online
- Warren Township Public Library: \$9,037.43 to upgrade its membership in PrairieCat from Union List to Basic Online

RAILS will also use LLSAP membership grants to support the migration of 19 libraries from the LINC and MAGIC consortia into SWAN. SWAN will receive \$295,003.42 to cover one-time consortium-level costs associated with the migration, including vendor fees for the data migration and the fees that SWAN assesses to new members. In addition, the following libraries will receive individual grants to fund equipment needed to comply with SWAN's minimum requirements for network hardware and PC workstations:

- Itasca Community Library (LINC): \$3,347.43
- Kaneville Public Library District (MAGIC): \$2,466.50
- Messenger Public Library of North Aurora (MAGIC) \$5,056.36
- National University of Health Sciences (MAGIC) in Lombard: \$300.00
- Sugar Grove Public Library District (MAGIC): \$4,642.50
- Theosophical Society in America (MAGIC) in Wheaton: \$491.00.

RAILS awarded a total of \$400,000 in LLSAP membership grants to 16 organizations in FY2017. There is a moratorium on the LLSAP grant program for FY2018 due to the many consortial and budget issues currently in play.

## Museum Pass Program

RAILS has been investigating a partnership program between libraries and museums, using the software program hosted by Quipu and administered centrally by RAILS, with an anticipated fall 2017 rollout to libraries. Patrons will log into the web-based system directly to access passes and discounts, with the library's integrated library system providing authentication. RAILS will work with MAGIC initially to test authentication in a consortial environment and then work with any other interested consortia on getting authentication in the works before the program is released to members.

## **Printing Delivery Labels from Library Management Systems**

SWAN staff have been advised that SWAN libraries can use the delivery label printing program developed for SWAN's Symphony system. However, extending use of this software to other integrated library systems (even other Symphony installations) has proven to be very complex. Finding outside developers interested in providing a quote for this project has been challenging.