

Library Summary

Institution name: Prairie Hill School District #133

Library name: Willowbrook Middle School and Prairie Hill School Libraries

Library type: School

City: South Beloit

Primary library contact: Trina Anderson, District Librarian

Recommended board action: FULL MEMBERSHIP

Major metropolitan area: Rockford

Full-time enrollment: 756

Library Information

Holdings: 12,000

OCLC member (yes or no): No

Online catalog (OPAC): Alexandria

eRead Illinois member (yes or no): No

Strengths: This pre-kindergarten through eighth grade school district is experiencing growth in student population, and a second building was added to the district in 2009. The newer building's library space was designed with input from the library staff. It includes two circulation stations, up-to-date technology, and plenty of study and reading space. The District Librarian has only been with the district since August, and she reported the library's budget and supportive administration helps make her position easier to serve students and staff.

Challenges: The district librarian has begun a large task of re-classifying the non-fiction collection. When the middle school was built nine years ago, older books from the existing school were sent to this library before being weeded, so the district librarian is in the middle of a time consuming weeding project.