RAILS Report

Find More Illinois

At its meeting on January 26, 2018, the RAILS Board approved moving forward with the Find More Illinois pilot project. Twenty-one libraries from I-Share, PrairieCat, and Rock River Library Consortium are participating in the pilot. Implementation of the SHAREit software from Auto-Graphics began shortly after RAILS board approval. Staff training was held April 3–5, 2018 at RAILS Burr Ridge and Coal Valley, and staff at the pilot libraries will begin placing staff-initiated requests on April 16.

Libraries have been asked to launch the program to their patrons between May 1–31. Only pilot participants and their patrons will be able to actually place interlibrary loan requests, though anyone will be able to search. The Find More Illinois website and catalog search interface will be launched publicly early in May; watch for the announcement in RAILS *E-News*. Expansion of the project to additional libraries is expected to occur as soon as fall 2018.

At its first meeting on February 26, 2018, the RAILS Resource Sharing Committee approved the charge for a new Find More Illinois Working Group. This group will have an advisory role in developing best practices and a membership fee structure for future expansion of Find More Illinois. It includes representatives from each consortium participating in the pilot project and two representatives from libraries with standalone catalogs. Working group members are:

- Eric Battaglia, Senior Manager of Adult Services, Aurora Public Library (Santori Public Library) (representing standalone libraries)
- Carolyn Coulter, PrairieCat Director (representing PrairieCat)
- Kris Hammerstrand, CARLI Director, User Services (representing I-Share)
- Brooke Sievers, Assistant Director/Head of Materials Management, Addison Public Library (representing standalone libraries)
- Jennifer Slaney, Director, Sterling Public Library (representing Rock River Library Consortium)

Ex officio members are:

- Eric Bain, RAILS Technology Special Projects Coordinator
- Amanda Musacchio, RAILS Resource Sharing Specialist
- Jane Plass, RAILS Associate Executive Director and the working group's chairperson
- Charm Ruhnke, Resource Sharing Committee chairperson
- Anne Slaughter, RAILS Director, Technology Services

FY2019 LLSAP Support

The FY2019 LLSAP/RAILS contracts with PrairieCat, RSA, and SWAN have been approved by the RAILS Board and LLSAP governing bodies and will be included in the RAILS FY2019 area and per capita grant application to the Illinois State Library. Target net support has been kept flat at $2,250,000; it will be incorporated into the RAILS FY2019 budget as a mix of in-kind services and financial support, depending on the services used by the individual LLSAPs.

Explore More Illinois

Development of Explore More Illinois continues. Basic configuration and testing of SIP2 authentication with a consortial Symphony ILS was successful. RAILS staff will continue working to ensure that libraries that are members of ILS consortia have a seamless onboarding experience once the service is ready to

go live, including advance information about authentication and setup. For more information about Explore More Illinois, see the RAILS website at https://www.railslibraries.info/services/museum-pass.