

# RAILS RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 26, 2018  
RAILS Burr Ridge Service Center  
125 Tower Drive  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

## DRAFT Minutes

### 1. Welcome

Charm Ruhnke, Chair of the Resource Sharing Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at the RAILS Burr Ridge service center and welcomed all attendees.

### 2. Designation of Minute Taker

Karen Goyer, RAILS Administrative Assistant, was designated minute taker.

### 3. Roll Call of Members

*Burr Ridge:* Gwen Gregory, Michelle Roubal

*LaSalle Public Library:* Charm Ruhnke

*Conference Call:* Andy Allen, Brian Chase, Ryan Livergood, Sia Paganis

*Absent:* Christine Barr, Jeanne Modelski

### 4. Introductions of Guests; Announcements

*Burr Ridge:* Deirdre Brennan (*ex officio*), Karen Goyer, Kate Hall (*ex officio*), Veronda Pitchford (*ex officio*), Jane Plass (*ex officio*)

*Illinois State Library:* Debra Aggertt, Patricia Boze

There were no announcements.

### 5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

### 6. Adoption of the Agenda

Ms. Gregory moved, and Mr. Allen seconded, that

THE RAILS RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE ADOPT THE FEBRUARY 26, 2018 AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried.

### 7. New Business

#### a. Resource Sharing Committee charge and relationships to other RAILS committees

Ms. Brennan thanked the members for serving on the committee. She commented that prior to the establishment of the committee, there was no single forum for voices of resource sharing. Resource sharing is not limited to the sharing of materials; it encompasses materials, delivery service, projects, ideas, and knowledge. Ms. Brennan noted that the committee members represent a variety of library sizes and types. Hearing the members' points of view will be helpful in discussing resource sharing issues.

#### b. Library resource sharing in Illinois

The documents in the meeting packet summarized what is currently in place.

Committee members shared their experiences and resource sharing concerns with the group. Key points included:

- The importance of reciprocal borrowing, even in difficult financial times
- Demonstrating to nonparticipating libraries that resource sharing is powerful and useful to everyone
- Desirability of providing a package of electronic resources that are available to all
- Addressing confusion for patrons about resource sharing opportunities that are available and showing them how to use those resources
- Making it easier for schools to participate in resource sharing and educating them on how to participate
- Sharing resources equitably in Illinois
- Identifying current barriers to resource sharing and methods of overcoming them
- There is a great difference between resource sharing in Illinois compared to other states. The culture in Illinois seems to be a barrier to overcome.
- There is value in partnering with other types of libraries. Libraries need help understand all the resources out there.
- Expanding what resource sharing means beyond materials and delivery. Look at how we can share knowledge, program ideas, and projects.
- Creating better platforms to assist libraries so they don't have to reinvent the wheel
- Addressing the issue that new directors may not have resource sharing as a priority.
- RAILS is committed to multitype support and the infrastructure and value of resource sharing.
- All libraries have something to share. A barrier to overcome is that small libraries often think they do not have anything to share.
- We have seen the resource sharing culture deteriorate over the years. It would be helpful to have data to demonstrate the value of resource sharing in terms of patrons and financial benefit.
- Fighting the culture of libraries that think they look stronger on their own

Ms. Plass will look into obtaining data concerning the benefits of resource sharing. RAILS staff will write up the definition of resource sharing and report on progress RAILS has made in in this area.

**c. Find More Illinois Working Group charge**

Find More Illinois, previously known as the overlay project, has been in the RAILS plan of service for some time. The project has included investigating similar projects in other states and gathering feedback from RAILS member libraries. After a yearlong procurement process, RAILS signed a contract with Auto-Graphics.

There are 21 libraries from three consortia in the pilot project, including public, academic, and school libraries. The project is currently in the phase of gathering data and setting up the platform. Training for member libraries and staff will take place in early April. The public launch of the project will likely take place in late spring 2018.

The libraries participating in the pilot will be able to use Find More Illinois for interlibrary loan and as a source of bibliographic records. In the future, it may become an alternative to using OCLC. RAILS expects to expand the project in fall 2018 and make it available to

any library.

Auto-Graphics has other statewide implementations in Wisconsin and Indiana, which may make it possible for integration with these states in the future.

The Overlay Project Working Group has accomplished its charge, but RAILS recommends establishing the Find More Illinois Working Group to guide the pilot project. RAILS recommends one representative from each consortium in the pilot project and two representatives from standalone libraries.

Ms. Gregory moved, and Ms. Roubal seconded, that

THE FIND MORE ILLINOIS WORKING GROUP CHARGE IS APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried.

**d. Length of terms**

The terms of the Resource Sharing Committee members will be staggered and assigned by RAILS staff.

**e. FY2018–FY2019 meeting schedule**

The committee agreed the quarterly meetings would be held on the second Monday of the month, beginning in June 2018.

FY2018–FY2019 meeting dates:

- June 11, 2018, 9:30 a.m. to noon
- September 10, 2018, 9:30 a.m. to noon
- December 10, 2018, 9:30 a.m. to noon
- March 11, 2018, 9:30 a.m. to noon
- June 10, 2018, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Ms. Paganis moved, and Mr. Chase seconded that,

THE RAILS RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE APPROVE THE FY2018–FY2019 MEETING SCHEDULE.

The motion carried.

## **8. Reports**

**a. Resource Sharing Committee Chair**

There was no report.

**b. RAILS resource sharing overview**

Ms. Hall suggested a training and professional development component be added to each future Resource Sharing Committee meeting, covering the topic of one of the initiatives listed in the RAILS Resource Sharing Overview document. The committee agreed. The first topic will be the unserved issue.

Ms. Gregory suggested addressing how academic libraries play into the issue of the unserved. At the June meeting, Ms. Pitchford will share data from a survey of community college libraries and their services available to nonstudent district residents.

**c. RAILS resource sharing map**

The resource sharing map is available on the RAILS website. The percentage of unserved population has not changed much over the years. It is often assumed that the unserved issue is a rural issue, but many residents in the Chicago suburbs are also unserved. Updates to the resource sharing map can be sent to Nicole Zimmerman.

**9. Adjournment**

The RAILS Resource Sharing Committee adjourned by acclamation at 10:50 a.m.