

Consortial Reports

CARLI/I-Share

- No report

Cooperative Computer Services (CCS)

- The CCS Governing Board will vote on adding Morton Grove Public Library to our membership on July 25.
- This year, CCS will review our membership fee formula. Our Budget and Finance Committee reviewed the report on membership fees that SWAN prepared and would be interested in documentation or research from other consortia as we move forward with our study. We will be happy to share our progress and results.
- IT Manager Marcin Urbanski is testing an option that would allow us to use VOIP lines for telephony, which could lead to significant savings on phone lines.

LINKin

- No report

Northern Illinois Cooperative (NIC)

- In anticipation of a migration to PrairieCat pending approval of financial assistance from RAILS, the public libraries in NIC are:
 - Presenting individual PrairieCat intergovernmental agreements to their boards for approval with planned submission by July 1 for approval by PrairieCat's Administrative Council, and
 - Planning to submit grant applications to RAILS for migration costs by August 15, 2018

Pinnacle Library Cooperative (PLC)

- No report

PrairieCat

- As of July 1, PrairieCat staff are employed directly by PrairieCat itself. This means we are no longer RAILS employees, but paid directly by PrairieCat. Although staff are still housed in RAILS buildings, and we continue to use RAILS IT systems, finance services, and most other RAILS services we always have, PrairieCat is now "independent" in staffing. This move has been in the works for over two years and is fully supported by RAILS.
- Judy Hutchinson, Member Services Supervisor, retired from RAILS on June 30. PrairieCat will still have her around for another year, luckily, as she will stay on part time to manage projects. Judy will also assist with onboarding a new position—a Training and Outreach Coordinator.
- Kacy Kelly, Senior System Specialist, has moved on to another job. PrairieCat will advertise his position in the coming months.

Resource Sharing Alliance NFP (RSA-NFP)

- Several RSA staff attended the annual SirsiDynix User Conference (COSUGI), and two staff members presented multiple sessions.
- New and upgrading members:
 - Valley District Library is now circulating in RSA. They received holds training on June 29..

- Bushnell Public Library District is also circulating in RSA. They are getting holds training soon.
- Prairie Creek Public Library District is entering their patrons into RSA's system.
- Neponset Public Library (new RSA member) has just started circulating.
- Ransom Memorial Public Library (new RSA member) has started cataloging their collection in RSA.
- Flanagan Public Library District (new RSA member) has also restarted cataloging their collection.
- RSA upgraded to Symphony 3.5.3 and upgraded Enterprise twice in the last three months. The Symphony upgrade allows item, patron, and library grouping in the circulation map, allowing us to shrink libraries with hundreds of circulation map lines down to tens of lines. We are working library by library to redo all circulation maps to better match each library's checkout limits. Multiple item types can now all count toward one overall type limit. This work will be ongoing for at least a year.
- RSA's Board completed a five-year planning document to outline changes that various RAILS support reductions would require in staffing and services. RSA's Board is also reworking all membership levels and creating new library type service tiers (public, school, etc.) to more accurately price out service bundles and to free up staff time to better support our larger libraries. We have 147 members in 197 locations with only 10 staff members to support them. This is difficult, and we end up spending 75% of our time on our smallest, lowest-paying members. We are hoping to shift to 50% / 50% time split on big and small libraries. These changes will mean increases in member fees combined with cuts in service to our smaller libraries.
- Normal Public Library, in conjunction with the Bloomington Public Library, issued a request for proposal (RFP) for a new integrated library system in April. Normal Public Library has decided to remain in RSA. No word yet on the Bloomington Public Library's decision. They could decide to join RSA or stay a standalone library.

Rock River Library Consortium (RRLC)

- No report

System Wide Automated Network (SWAN)

- The 19 libraries from LINC and MAGIC went live in SWAN on May 1, 2018. This process was relatively smooth for library users, with the majority of issues resolved over the four weeks of May. Some ongoing data processing issues remain with BLUEcloud Analytics (SirsiDynix's reporting software) in completing harvests and daily processing in a timely manner.
- SWAN deduplicated its bibliographic database on May 28, 2018, taking the combined system of LINC, MAGIC, and SWAN and merging 2.2 million title records to 1.5 million title records.
- SWAN replaced its authority database using services through MARCIVE on July 4, 2018. The bibliographic database was also converted from a hybrid of AACR2 and RDA standard bibliographic records to 100% RDA records as an additional component of the MARCIVE service.
- Plans are underway to perform a "reclamation" of SWAN library holdings within OCLC WorldCat, sometime in August 2018.
- SWAN IT is preparing Symphony ILS servers in Microsoft Azure, which is a cloud infrastructure-as-a-service, with a goal to transition before the end of 2018.
- User Experience Manager Tara Wood is working with Brian Smith (RAILS Applications and Web Developer) to migrate SWAN's support website from Drupal 5 to Drupal 7. Tara is conducting

interviews and studying site usage with various library staff from departments associated with cataloging, circulation, and administration.

- SWAN's annual conference will take place Friday, August 17, 2018. This conference registration opened in May and thus far 135 library staff have registered. SWAN sent postcards to 100 non-SWAN libraries within a 50-mile radius promoting the event.
- Brookfield Zoo closed its library in December 2017 and notified SWAN that it will terminate its membership. [RAILS note: Its RAILS membership was also voluntarily terminated.]
- Green Hills Public Library District (in Palos Hills) is working with SWAN staff on an application for membership approval, which is planned for membership vote at SWAN's September 2018 quarterly meeting.