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TO: RAILS Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: What's New with RAILS E-Content?

What is eRead Illinois? → Popular e-content fast → <https://ereadillinois.com/>

- Started as a grant funded project in 2013 (with Illinois Heartland Library System)
 - eRead Illinois has been sustained by membership fees since 2015.
 - Fees are calculated based on a library's population served and collection budget.
- Popular materials collection hosted on Baker & Taylor's Axis 360 platform
 - One book, one user model
 - Only RAILS and IHLS non-SHARE libraries (IHLS SHARE libraries have a separate collection hosted on the Cloud Library platform)

FY 19 Membership

Library Type	Number of Libraries	Population Served
Academic	20	43,345
Public	233	3,449,628
School	143	265,935
Special	7	68,638

What's new with eRead Illinois Axis 360?

- Focused collection development
 - Short waits for popular materials
- Platform development
 - Website, app, and admin portal
- Support for members
 - eRead newsletter relaunched January 2019 – includes news, helpful tips, information, and updates about eRead Illinois Axis 360
 - Trainings are on-going as requested, hosted a eRead member update on May 22
 - Updating the sign up and renewal process to make it user friendly

What is BiblioBoard? → A wealth of e-content now → <https://library.biblioboard.com/home>

- A collection of simultaneous use e-books and e-content
 - Robust collection of independent and self-published materials
 - Organized into modules, anthologies, collections, and curations
- Geolocated to the entire state of Illinois
 - Everyone in Illinois can access the collection without a login or library card
 - No fee for libraries
- Additional BiblioBoard modules currently available to libraries for a fee
 - Create Module – publish e-books and upload content
 - Share Module – submit created e-content to local and national collections

What's new with BiblioBoard?

- Added over 1,000 educational titles to the collection in early 2019
 - Surveyed attendees at the AISLE annual conference about what kind of content they would like to see made available
 - Added Time for Kids Teacher Created Materials and ABDO
 - The subjects covered include science, math, social studies, the humanities, and art. Over 300 titles are in Spanish.
- Additional resources for educators include:
 - Common Collections which include resources and teaching guides
 - Recovering the Classics
 - Open Educational and Scholarly Resources
- Increased outreach to schools and other organizations
- Increasing emphasis on independently published materials

Learn More

eRead Illinois Axis 360 collection: <https://rails.axis360.baker-taylor.com/>

eRead Illinois Axis 360 newsletter: <https://ereadillinois.com/eread-illinois-libraries/chat-newsletter-archive>

BiblioBoard curation of educational materials:

<https://library.biblioboard.com/curation/6f9b9ec5-d549-4644-a729-ccf5fb18f899>

Indie Illinois collection on BiblioBoard: <https://library.biblioboard.com/anthology/147dca91-4b5e-429e-b9cf-697c87677907>