

RAILS RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 9, 2019

RAILS Burr Ridge, Videoconference Sites, and Conference Call

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MINUTES

1. Welcome

Charm Ruhnke, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

2. Designation of Minute Taker

Anna Duff, RAILS Administrative Assistant, was designated minute taker.

3. Roll Call of Members

RAILS Burr Ridge: Jay Kasten, Jeanne Modelski, Michelle Roubal

RAILS East Peoria: Dianne Hollister

LaSalle Public Library: Charm Ruhnke

Normal Public Library: Brian Chase

Queen Bee School District 16: Sia Paganis

Serena Community Unit School District #2: Andy Allen

Warren-Newport Public Library District: Ryan Livergood

4. Introductions of Guests; Announcements

Illinois State Library: Gwen Harrison

IHLS Edwardsville: Leslie Bednar

RAILS Burr Ridge: Anna Behm, Anna Duff, Joseph Filapek, Mark Hatch, Leila Heath, Jane Plass

Mr. Chase, Ms. Modelski, and Ms. Paganis each agreed to serve another term. Paul Mills, RAILS Board President, has confirmed their appointments; their terms will end June 30, 2021.

Mr. Kasten and Ms. Hollister were newly appointed as RAILS Board representatives for one-year terms.

5. Adoption of the Agenda

Ms. Roubal moved and Mr. Kasten seconded that,

THE RAILS RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE ADOPT THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried.

6. Approval of Minutes of the June 10, 2019 Resource Sharing Committee Meeting

Ms. Modelski moved and Ms. Roubal seconded that,

THE RAILS RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE APPROVE THE JUNE 10, 2019 MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried.

7. New Business

a. OMA requirements for quorum

To ensure that everybody understands the Open Meetings Act requirements for a quorum, Ms. Plass reiterated the contents of an email she had sent to committee members. RAILS falls under an exception in the law that allows members to meet at different sites; however, for attendance to count towards a quorum, committee members must attend at a public site and the meeting agenda must be publicly posted at the site 48 hours before the meeting.

b. Review of committee charge and recommended revision

Ms. Plass presented recommended changes to the Resource Sharing Committee charge. The major change is adding a representative from an e-book consortium to the committee. Additionally, the text that stipulates that half of initial appointments are for one year can be removed, as it is outdated. The text will also be updated to refer to Find More Illinois rather than the overlay project and to the RAILS resource sharing plan rather than the resource sharing policy.

Mr. Kasten moved and Ms. Modelski seconded that,

THE RAILS RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE RAILS BOARD APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE COMMITTEE CHARGE.

The motion carried.

c. Committee goals for FY 2020

Committee members shared ideas about possible committee goals for FY 2020. Ms. Modelski suggested that following up on the survey for serving the unserved be a priority for the committee. A good place to start might be getting libraries to publicize services they offer to the unserved. Mr. Chase added that getting libraries to be aware of what resource sharing opportunities already exist should be on the committee's to-do list. Ms. Paganis brought up the importance of resource sharing between school libraries and public libraries. She is glad that BiblioBoard has created the RAILS for Schools collection. The question was posed of whether expanding resource sharing between libraries falls under marketing or education. The general consensus was that both are needed. Discussion ensued about overcoming obstacles to bring schools into RSA, working around library and school politics to share resources, and especially expanding access to expensive databases.

Making the public aware of library services, such as using public library cards at an academic library, or vice versa, was mentioned. Ms. Ruhnke suggested that marketing efforts be directed to those who are not already invested in the library scene and who don't regularly read RAILS newsletters. Ms. Paganis suggested marketing not only to school libraries, but to administrators and school boards as well. Ms. Roubal suggested producing a single marketing message about resource sharing, interlibrary loans, etc. to place in students' digital backpacks. Mr. Chase shared that hosting Local Libraries Media Specialist Meetings has proved effective in Normal, Illinois. Working with school librarians and teachers, as well as informing library staff and board trustees, has proven beneficial. Mr. Chase also stated that his library's youth services department has been reaching out to school administrators and that he is in favor of making a tool kit for schools. Ms. Paganis concluded that resource sharing is a topic already extant in the

Future Ready framework for schools and RAILS plays a part in that movement through supporting schools.

d. Census 2020, RAILS, and libraries

Ms. Plass reported that the Illinois Department of Human Services is offering a grant for assisting with the census to reach hard-to-count communities across the state. It is seeking regional intermediaries that can work directly and with subrecipients to reach those communities. Ms. Roubal added that children under age 5 are historically undercounted, as well as college students, farm workers, homeless people, immigrants, millennials, people with disabilities, snowbirds, renters, and young adults.

Ms. Plass stated that RAILS and libraries are in a good position to help with census outreach. Most people will complete the census online, and libraries can provide computers and internet access. The Illinois Complete Count Commission is under Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White, which also makes RAILS and library participation a good fit.

A separate grant application is needed for each region, so RAILS needed to select one region to focus on. The collar county region was chosen, which includes DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties. RAILS is working with several counties and public libraries that are interested in being subrecipients. The application is due September 13, and grant awards are expected to be announced by October 4. RAILS has posted a job ad for a program manager, with filling the position contingent upon receiving the grant.

Ms. Plass went on to say that RAILS will help libraries to engage in census activities even if RAILS does not get the grant. Libraries will be encouraged to do outreach in unserved areas, as people in those areas may not think of libraries as places to get help with census participation.

e. Publisher restrictions on e-book sales to libraries

Committee members discussed publisher restrictions on e-book sales to libraries, particularly Macmillan's planned embargo on e-book sales to public libraries. Mr. Chase stated that libraries should definitely address this major issue. There is power in numbers, and all libraries should express their displeasure about these e-book terms. Ms. Roubal suggested that a statement be crafted that can be used by all libraries. Ms. Ruhnke added that libraries should make it personal by including how restrictions will impact patrons on a personal, individual level. Ms. Ruhnke volunteered to draft the letter and send it to Jane and the RAILS communications department for final editing.

Mr. Kasten moved and Ms. Modelski seconded that,

THE RAILS RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE APPROVE THE DRAFTING OF A LETTER APPROPRIATE FOR RAILS LIBRARIES TO ADAPT AND SEND IN RESPONSE TO MACMILLAN'S RESTRICTIONS ON E-BOOK SALES TO LIBRARIES.

The motion carried.

8. Topics in Resource Sharing

a. Open educational resources

Ms. Behm provided an overview of open educational resources (OER). She explained that OERs are educational materials in any format, but are most often digital. Digital OERs are easier to access and quicker to update. There are five Rs of openness: retain, reuse, revise, remix, and redistribute these resources. They include textbooks, course readings, games, quizzes, etc. and are mostly relevant to academic libraries. Use of OERs has skyrocketed in the past few years because of the cost reduction for students. When used in place of textbooks at McHenry County College, they saved students over one million dollars. According to the *International Journal of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education*, students' grades improved using OERs.

Barriers to using OERs include insufficient support from school administration, libraries, faculty, bookstores, and student organizations. For example, bookstores may be resistant because of the possibility of losing revenue by selling fewer textbooks. Another dilemma is students who are passionate about OERs graduating without anyone to take their place in advocating for OERs. Adopting an OER program involves deciding on and customizing what it will look like for each school. OER development requires time and money. To overcome this issue, McHenry County College held an OER camp during the summer to develop OERs. Other concerns include accessibility, technical know-how, and copyright law. To make OER use and development easier, BiblioBoard is available to everyone in Illinois, and RAILS will subsidize Pressbooks for the entire state.

Ms. Behm highly recommended the CARLI website as a resource for learning more about OERs. Ms. Roubal suggested that the committee play a role in this field by possibly adding a web page that includes information and definitions for jargon. Ms. Behm announced that Pressbooks is included in a new website called Inkie.org, which was just launched by RAILS. Ms. Heath noted that any comments or feedback on inkie.org would be greatly welcomed.

9. Reports

a. Resource Sharing Committee Chair

No report.

b. RAILS report

Ms. Plass reported that most attention has been on the census lately. Explore More Illinois is growing fast, and Minitex continues work with several RAILS libraries on SimplyE testing.

Ms. Plass also announced that this was her last meeting, as she will be retiring from RAILS in November. Her news was met with fond farewells and a round of applause for the outstanding work Ms. Plass has done for RAILS and libraries.

10. Adjournment

Ms. Roubal moved and Mr. Kasten seconded that,

THE RAILS RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE ADJOURN AT 11:35 a.m.

The motion carried.