



Membership Background

Library Summary

Institution name:	Germantown Hills School District 69
Library name:	Germantown Hills Grade School Library
Library type:	School
City:	Germantown Hills
Primary library contact:	Rachel Poole
Recommended board action:	Full membership
Library holdings:	24,600
OCLC member (yes or no):	No
Online catalog (OPAC):	Follett Destiny
eRead Illinois member (yes or no):	No

Description

Germantown Hills School District 69 is located in Germantown Hills, located in Woodford County, about 8 miles northeast of Peoria.

The district serves approximately 824 students. According to the Illinois State Board of Education, 16% of enrolled students live in low income households. The library serves both the middle school and elementary school which are co-located. The library is open approximately 40 hours per week.

The school district is interested in obtaining RAILS membership in order to access support of e-books, delivery, continuing education, and grants including Illinois State Library grants.



Membership Background

Library Summary

Institution name:	Gerber/Hart Library and Archives
Library name:	Gerber/Hart Library and Archives
Library type:	Special
City:	Chicago
Primary library contact:	Wil Brant
Recommended board action:	Full membership
Library holdings:	24,316
OCLC member (yes or no):	Yes
Online catalog (OPAC):	LibraryWorld
eRead Illinois member (yes or no):	No

Description

The Gerber/Hart Library and Archives collects, preserves, and makes accessible items related to LGBTQ history and culture. The library is open to the public and is one of larger independent LGBTQ libraries and archives in the United States.

The library was previously a RAILS member. The library withdrew from membership in 2016 after no longer meeting the staffing requirements. The library is now open 16 hours per week and committed to meeting staffing requirements. The library is interested in re-establishing RAILS membership in order to access continuing education, grants, and deals & discounts.

I visited the library in the afternoon of Thursday, December 12, 2019. As a cultural institution, Gerber/Hart has a strong mission and is committed to making materials accessible to the public. Beyond the availability of materials, the library also offers programs and events.

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Jeff Whitsitt
Superintendent
United CUSD 304
1905 100th Street
Monmouth, IL 61462

Dear Mr. Jeff Whitsitt,

This letter is notification that United CUSD 304 will be recommended for suspension from RAILS membership at the January 2020 meeting of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) Board on Friday, January 17, 2020. Suspensions are official after approval by the Illinois State Library.

We have tried to verify that your library meets the requirements of system membership. Legally, school districts must have a library that is staffed by a paid employee at least 15 hours per week to maintain their membership. If you do meet this requirement, please reach out to me as soon as possible at the contact information above.

Libraries that are suspended will no longer have access to:

- Delivery of materials
- RAILS consulting and continuing education programs
- RAILS cooperative purchases and vendor discounts
- Participation in RAILS shared resources programs, such as eRead Illinois and Find More Illinois
- Virtual community groups, networking opportunities, and valuable news and information regarding Illinois libraries from RAILS
- Per capita grant funding for public school libraries (2018-\$750)
- OCLC Group Services pricing
- Eligibility to apply for special grant opportunities from the Illinois State Library

You or a representative from your organization are welcome to attend the RAILS board meeting in person at 125 Tower Drive, Burr Ridge, IL, 60527 or by videoconference at one of the sites listed on the RAILS website at <https://www.railslibraries.info/board/meetings>. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2020.

If you believe the recommendation for suspension may be an error or have any questions regarding this process, please contact us by January 16, 2020. Email to dan.bostrom@railslibraries.info will be the best way to reach me. You may also contact Emily Fister, RAILS Executive Assistant, at emily.fister@railslibraries.info or 630.734.5145.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Bostrom". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dan" and last name "Bostrom" clearly distinguishable.

Dan Bostrom
RAILS Member Engagement Manager

cc: Deirdre Brennan, RAILS Executive Director
Emily Fister, RAILS Executive Assistant