

Resource Sharing Committee Goals for FY2020

Ideas from committee members:

- Help libraries publicize their services to the unserved.
- Promote resource sharing between different types of libraries.
- There is a lack of awareness about resource sharing. A one-page summary that libraries could use/adapt for patron education would be useful.
- Promote resource sharing between public and school libraries. Make libraries aware of resources that school and public libraries can collaborate on, and expand resources that school and public libraries could share. Databases are really hard for schools to afford.
- Identify barriers to resource sharing. (Jane's note: Barriers were discussed at length at the June 11, 2018 meeting. See the approved minutes at R:\Administration\Board\COMMITTEES\Resource Sharing Committee\2018-06-11 meeting.)
- We need both marketing and education about resource sharing.
- How do we reach those who don't read ISL or system newsletters?
- AISLE is hosting librarian sessions at regional offices of education. We need to get information to school administrators and school boards. Maybe a letter to school boards?
- Ads in school and municipal league newsletters
- Schools have digital backpacks. We need graphically pleasing messages that libraries could incorporate in social media, digital backpacks, etc.
- Normal PL has had good luck hosting school libraries about once a year. Need to reach library staff and trustees.
- Don't leave out schools without school librarians.
- Host an event for school librarians. Also have a toolkit for outreach to schools. Need relationships beyond school librarians.
- Look at the Future Ready Schools/Future Ready Librarians framework. (See <https://futureready.org/thenetwork/strands/future-ready-librarians/>) RAILS should support future-ready schools.
- RAILS should build a web page to consolidate information about open educational resources (OERs).

Although the committee did not set specific goals for itself, several themes are clear:

- Market the value of resource sharing to multiple audiences: libraries, patrons (through their libraries), and funders/decision makers (school administrators, boards, etc.).
- Promote ways of sharing resources, and help libraries explain these to their patrons. Develop some graphically pleasing ways of doing this.
- School library needs require some special attention.

At future meetings, the committee could revisit the June 2018 discussion of barriers and generate some ideas about how to break down these barriers.