

**VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**RAILS BOARD ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 13, 2021 | 3:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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**AGENDA**

1. Welcome -Jenna Nemec-Loise, Chair
2. Roll Call of Members – Karen Goyer
3. Introductions of Guests and Announcements
4. Public Comment via Zoom (Submit public comments in advance to Karen Goyer, [karen.goyer@railslibraries.info](mailto:karen.goyer@railslibraries.info) to be read aloud at the meeting)
5. Adoption of the Agenda
6. Approval of the Minutes of the April 8, 2021 RAILS Board Advocacy Committee Meeting
7. Approval of the RAILS Board Advocacy Committee FY22 Meeting Schedule (action requested)
8. Discussion of Progress on Advocacy Efforts and Topics
  - 8.1. School library advocacy and collaboration – Beth Tepen
  - 8.2. Specialized library advocacy – Laura Turner
  - 8.3. Continue discussion of building new advocates from non-advocates
    - 8.3.1. Figure out how to reach those not advocating for libraries and why they are not advocates.
    - 8.3.2. Focus on new messages from new people in order to hear other perspectives and stories and to balance out the My Library Is . . . work and the data collection we are going to do.
    - 8.3.3. Discuss how to bring another dimension to advocacy.
  - 8.4. Identify American Rescue Plan Act funding for Illinois libraries and determine the amount to advocate for – Deirdre Brennan
9. Agenda Building for Next Meeting
10. Adjournment

**Advocacy Committee Members:**

- Jenna Nemec-Loise, Chair
- Michael Campbell
- Percy Harris
- Sarah McHone – Chase
- Thomas Stagg
  - Ex Officio: Deirdre Brennan, Monica Harris, Mary Witt

