

RAILS BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Committee/Subcommittee Name: Resource Sharing Committee

Meeting Date: May 10, 2021

Summarize the meeting discussion:

The group approved the minutes, the updated committee charge, and the annual meeting schedule. Lois Bruno will be seated as a committee member at the August 9 meeting. The group discussed lessons learned and the current state of resource sharing in Illinois, post-pandemic. Trends including the increased usage of e-books, changes in regular users, and changes in communication venues and programming. There was also an update about the Statewide Database proposal and discussion of the RAILS Report.

Note any next steps, activities, or follow up as a result of the meeting discussion:

There was a suggestion to highlight/showcase virtual collections that have increased value throughout the pandemic.

Also suggestions to spotlight RAILS special libraries and the importance of reader's advisory for RAILS Members.

The next meeting of the Resource Sharing Committee will be Aug 9, 2021

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