

## **RAILS LLSAP GOAL AND DEFINITION**

Local Library System Automation Program (LLSAP) is a term used statewide and rooted in historical relationships between the regional library systems and consortia. 23 Ill. Adm. Code 3030 states: “Local Library System Automation Program means an integrated library system open to membership by full library system members of all types developed by or receiving financial or in kind support from a library system.”

The RAILS Board first approved a more detailed RAILS LLSAP definition on March 23, 2012, following work by the RAILS LLSAP Task Force. (The task force has since been replaced by the RAILS Consortia Committee.) The following revision was fully approved on January 22, 2016.

## **RAILS LLSAP SUPPORT GOAL**

To foster resource sharing and make a library management system affordable for any interested member library, RAILS’ goal is to support shared catalog consortia in its service area. To enrich existing relationships while promoting collaborative ventures with new partners, the RAILS Board has approved this definition of LLSAPs (Local Library System Automation Programs):

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Local Library System Automation Programs are shared library management systems that are supported by RAILS and that are open to membership by all types and sizes of RAILS member libraries. All LLSAPs affiliated with RAILS:

- 1) Support members whose primary service point is within the RAILS service area (Although non-RAILS members may belong to an LLSAP, they will not be included in allocation of RAILS support.)
- 2) Operate in a reciprocal contractual partnership with RAILS
- 3) Are supported by RAILS through in-kind and/or financial support
- 4) Maintain policies that broaden resource sharing throughout RAILS’ service area
- 5) Foster cooperation to support RAILS’ mission and to make library management systems affordable for every interested member library in RAILS, regardless of type or size
- 6) Work together to ensure the ability of all LLSAPs to meet the needs of their members, to increase the use of shared online catalogs by RAILS members, and to develop services that will further resource sharing throughout RAILS by providing staff, technical expertise, and assistance when needed

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