

RAILS Report

RAILS strategic plan

RAILS strategic plan development is proceeding, with staff and board engagement underway and a series of virtual town hall meetings for members on the calendar in October and November. Consortia Committee members are welcome and encouraged to attend one of these town halls; more information is posted at <https://www.railslibraries.info/news/252552>.

FY2023 LLSAP Support Grants

Applications for the FY2023 LLSAP Support Grant have been received from all six RAILS LLSAPs, and RAILS staff is currently in the review process. Award information will be communicated to all applicants before the end of October.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in Metadata networking group

This new networking group, spearheaded by representatives from RAILS, CCS, and SWAN, aims to foster the importance of inclusive library metadata practices in Illinois libraries. The group will also provide advice and support for Illinois libraries to create and maintain more equitable, diverse, and inclusive metadata content. Conveners are currently working to set up logistics for the group, including an email discussion list, and expect to schedule and widely publicize the first meeting this Fall. They will be working to ensure that libraries of all types and sizes are represented.

Delivery label change

RAILS Delivery will soon be introducing a slightly modified sticky delivery label. The new version of the labels will include an option for libraries to indicate whether an item is a hold or a return, facilitating more streamlined processing at receiving libraries. Delivery staff will be communicating this change to libraries and providing any assistance needed with the new labels as they are sent to libraries.

ReShare Returnables

RAILS has been watching the burgeoning Project ReShare, and its Returnables project supporting sharing of physical materials, with great interest as more consortia and some multitype consortia sign on with their support and move towards adoption. Committee members who are interested in learning more can visit the project website at <https://projectreshare.org/>, where you can also sign up for the email newsletter and/or Slack channel.