

RAILS Report

RAILS strategic plan

RAILS strategic planning continues, and we anticipate presenting the RAILS Board with a complete plan for their review at their January 28, 2022 meeting. Town Hall meetings, focus groups, and the work of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee have concluded after gathering and synthesizing a great deal of valuable member input to help shape the plan.

Catalog membership grants

Three catalog membership grants were awarded following the October 15 application deadline. The following libraries will join RSA:

- Beardstown CUSD #15 - Gard Elementary School (\$11,652.20)
- Farmer City Public Library (\$1,285.96)
- New Windsor Public Library (\$5,228.00)

The final application deadline of FY2022 is April 15, 2022.

RAILS world languages cataloging service

Pilot testing continues with five libraries to test drive procedures locally, and with the vendor for the outsourced portion of the project providing cataloging of materials in Asian and non-Latin languages. We also continue to work directly with Illinois Heartland Library Systems and Cataloging Maintenance Center representatives to clarify the scopes of our respective cataloging services and coordinate on communications. We expect to begin promoting the new service more broadly early in the calendar year.