

EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS: ONLINE CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL PASS PROGRAM

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WHAT IS EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS?

- An experience pass open to Illinois public libraries. As of March 2022, 320 RAILS libraries and 84 IHLS libraries are signed up.
- Users can make online reservations from their personal devices.
- Attractions include museums, historical societies, performing arts centers, botanical gardens, and park districts.
- Attraction offers include discounts on admission, parking, gift stores, and annual memberships.
- RAILS covers the licensing cost for the Explore More Illinois software. There is no additional cost for libraries or attractions to participate.



CURRENT ATTRACTIONS

- As of March 2022, 40 permanent and seasonal attractions across Illinois and Wisconsin have joined Explore More Illinois.
- Popular attractions include the following locations:
 - Peoria Riverfront Museum
 - Chicago Children's Museum
 - Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (Springfield)
 - Anderson Japanese Gardens (Rockford)
 - Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art (Oak Brook)



ATTRACTIONS CONTEST



Between March 1 and May 31, 2022, libraries are invited to submit attractions suggestions. If the attraction ends up joining Explore More Illinois, the library receives an entry into a raffle for lunch for their staff. The contest is sponsored by The Quipu Group, the vendor for Explore More Illinois' software. Complete rules are found on the Explore More Illinois website.



COMMUNITY COLLEGE PILOT PROGRAM

RAILS is working with the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) and Illinois Central College on a pilot program that will allow community college libraries to join Explore More Illinois. All three organizations are working on completing technical requirements and writing program procedures.

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