



Membership Background

Library Summary

Institution name:	Kewanee Life Skills Re-Entry Center
Library name:	Kewanee Life Skills Re-Entry Center Library
Library type:	Special
City:	Kewanee
Primary library contact:	Christy Coulter
Recommended board action:	Full membership
Library holdings:	5,020
OCLC member (yes or no):	No
Online catalog (OPAC):	N/a
eRead Illinois member (yes or no):	No

Description

The Kewanee Life Skills Re-Entry Center is an Illinois Department of Corrections facility. The main objective of the center is to "build valuable life skills and prepare offenders for reentry into society while maintaining safety and security." The library plays an important part in that mission. Beyond a collection of law materials, the library has computers and a subscription to LexisNexis. Although the library has a limited collection development budget, they do work with prison library non-profits. They have a creative writing program and a book club.

The library is interested in joining RAILS in order to access continuing education and training. They are also interested in deals & discounts and potentially applying for grants. The librarian, Christy Coulter is a former Prairie Area Library System (PALS) employee and has a lot of familiarity with public libraries in the area. They would make an excellent special library addition to the system.