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**TO: RAILS Resource Sharing Committee**

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**SUBJECT: Current State of Resource Sharing Discussion (Agenda 8.1)**

As part of our November Resource Sharing Committee meeting, we'd like to have a discussion about the current state of resource sharing in RAILS member libraries. In particular we'd like to focus on the following questions for the discussion:

- How are you approaching networking and communication with other RAILS member libraries post-pandemic? What is working in this approach and what are you missing?
- What approaches are you taking to take advantage of current pricing models post-pandemic? What has gotten more expensive for you, and how are you planning for the future? Are you able to take advantage of any RAILS deals and discounts – why or why not?
- Has anything changed in your circulation patterns post-pandemic? Has the ratio of print vs. e-material circulation changed since 2020? Is delivery of materials through RAILS working for you as is?
- Do you currently use Find More Illinois? Are you interested in other shared catalog solutions for your library – why or why not?
- In what other ways could RAILS lead best practice in resource sharing? Anything we haven't mentioned above that has significantly changed for your library regarding resource sharing?

We look forward to hearing from the committee about the ways that resource sharing has changed and what RAILS can do to respond to those changes.