



Membership Background

Library Summary

Institution name:	Cheney's Grove Township Library
Library name:	n/a
Library type:	Public
City:	Saybrook
Primary library contact:	Ashleigh Enghausen
Recommended board action:	Full membership
Library holdings:	8,000
OCLC member (yes or no):	No
Online catalog (OPAC):	n/a
eRead Illinois member (yes or no):	No

Description

Cheney's Grove Township Library is located in Saybrook, IL. The library was a member of a previous library system before the merger. They share a building with the local township. The library is not automated.

Ashleigh Enghausen has been working at the library for about 10 years. The library is interested in becoming automated. They would like to join RAILS to explore all of their options. They are interested in potentially joining RSA. They are also interested in RAILS continuing education, grants, and connecting with other libraries of their size.



Membership Background

Library Summary

Institution name:	United CUSD 304
Library name:	n/a
Library type:	School
City:	Monmouth
Primary library contact:	Trish Bertelsen
Recommended board action:	Full membership
Library holdings:	12,000
OCLC member (yes or no):	No
Online catalog (OPAC):	n/a
eRead Illinois member (yes or no):	No

Description

United CUSD 304 is a school district located in Monmouth, IL. There are four schools in the district, two elementary schools, a junior high school, and a high school. According to the Illinois State Board of Education, the district has an enrollment of 947 students. Approximately, 46% of students qualify as low income.

The district was previously part of RAILS. In late 2019, the school librarian left the district. RAILS tried to verify that the district had staffed libraries but did not receive a respond. The RAILS Board of Directors voted to suspend the district in January 2020.

Earlier this year, I spoke to Trish Bertelsen, who is now the Library/Technology Specialist for the district. She indicated that this situation in 2020 was ultimately a misunderstanding. The previous school librarian had left abruptly due to a medical situation. At the time, no one was able to take over her responsibilities and much of the work of the library went unaddressed. She assured me that all the libraries in the district are now staffed, and the district is eager to reinstate their system membership.