

EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS: ONLINE CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL PASS PROGRAM



WHAT IS EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS?



- An experience pass open to Illinois public libraries. In 2022, 326 RAILS libraries and 86 IHLS libraries participated.
- 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



- In 2022, 65 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)
 - Museum of Science and Industry (Chicago)
 - Anderson Japanese Gardens (Rockford)

COMMUNITY COLLEGE PILOT PROGRAM



RAILS and the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) have worked to identify two community colleges for a pilot program. Illinois Central College in Peoria and Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield offer cardholders access to Explore More Illinois and provide attractions to the program. We plan to add at least two more colleges in 2023.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023



- The first Iowa attraction, the German American Heritage Center and Museum in Davenport, joined Explore More Illinois in late December 2022.
- Look for another contest for libraries later this year.
- We are planning networking opportunities for member library staff.

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