

RAILS Board Nomination Form - Spring 2023

Would you like to work with a committed team of colleagues representing all types of libraries to help shape the future of a member-driven, vibrant library system? RAILS invites nominations for the following positions on our board:

- Three people currently serving on the library board of trustees of a RAILS public library
- One academic library seat (to be filled by a staff member from a RAILS academic library)
- One school library seat (to be filled by a staff member from a RAILS school library)
- One special library seat (to be filled by a staff member from a RAILS specialized library)

Term for the specialized library seat begins on July 1, 2023 and end on June 30, 2025.

Terms for all other positions begin on July 1, 2023 and end on June 30, 2026.

The RAILS Board meets 11 times per year. Board members may attend in person at an available RAILS videoconference site, or via Zoom if there are pandemic restrictions.

We are looking for candidates that reflect the diversity of the RAILS membership in terms of race, ethnicity, age, geographic location, background, and other factors. Before completing the form below, please view the [RAILS Board Member Job Description \(/board/board-jobs\)](/board/board-jobs). The deadline for nominations is 5:00 p.m. on XXXXXXXXX. For more information, contact [Mary Witt \(mailto:mary.witt@railslibraries.info\)](mailto:mary.witt@railslibraries.info), RAILS Communications Director.

Desired RAILS Board Position *

- Public Library Trustee Seat (library board member)
- Academic
- School
- Special Library Seat

Name *

Home Address *

Email *

Mobile Phone *

Home/Work/Other Phone *

Preferred Contact *

A member of the RAILS Nominating Committee will call all candidates to let them know the results of the election.

How should the Committee contact you?

- Mobile Phone
- Home/Work/Other Phone
- Email

Photo *

Please browse and select a recent headshot photograph from your computer.

Files must be less than **64 MB**.

Allowed file types: **jpg jpeg png**.

No file chosen

RAILS Library Represented *

Library Type *

- Academic
- Public
- School
- Specialized

Staff Position at Library (candidate for at large or special library seat only) *

Why are you interested in serving on the RAILS Board? What do you hope to gain from the experience? *

(suggested length: 100 words or less)

How do you feel RAILS would benefit from your involvement on the Board? *

(suggested length: 100 words or less)

What do you see as the major challenges facing libraries today? *

(suggested length: 100 words or less)

The RAILS mission and vision statements, and our strategic plan, are available on the [RAILS website \(/about/strategic-plan\)](#). Our current strategic priorities include:

- Providing leadership in ensuring sustainable, equitable resource sharing for all member libraries.
- Modeling best practices in equity, diversity, accessibility, and inclusion .
- Assisting member libraries in preparing for the future.
- Leading alongside member libraries to develop and strengthen the Illinois library community and expand services to all.

How will your background and experience be of help to RAILS as we pursue these initiatives? *

What skills and expertise can you bring to the RAILS Board? Check all that apply. *

- Academic Libraries
- Advocacy/Outreach
- Community Engagement
- Education/Instruction
- Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion
- Facilities
- Financial/Budgeting, Accounting, etc.
- Human Resources
- Law/Legal
- Marketing/Public Relations
- Nonprofit Experience
- Program Evaluation
- Public Libraries
- School Libraries

- Special Events
- Specialized Libraries
- Strategic Planning
- Technology
- Unserved/Universal Service
- Other (please specify)

RAILS would like to recruit a diverse group of volunteers for our Board. Please indicate which of the following ethnic or racial identities applies to you. (Please select only one.) *

- Latina/Latino/Latinx/Hispanic
- Black
- White
- African
- Middle Eastern
- East Asian
- South/Southeast Asian
- Caribbean
- Native American
- Pacific Islander
- Multi-ethnic/racial
- Add your own ...

I have read the [RAILS Board Member Job Description \(/board/board-jobs\)](/board/board-jobs) (opens in new tab) and will be able to meet all of the responsibilities/requirements listed if I am elected to the RAILS Board

Thank you for your interest in serving on the RAILS Board.

Send Your Nomination Form