

EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS: ONLINE CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL PASS PROGRAM



WHAT IS EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS?



- An experience pass open to Illinois public libraries. As of October 2023, 333 RAILS and 88 IHLS libraries public libraries participate.
- Attractions include museums, historical societies, performing arts centers, sports teams, 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 2023, 75 permanent and seasonal attractions across Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin have joined Explore More Illinois.
- Popular attractions include the following locations:
 - Museum of Science and Industry (Chicago)
 - Chicago Botanic Garden (Glencoe)
 - Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum (Chicago)
 - DuPage Children's Museum (Naperville)
 - Chicago Children's Museum



COMMUNITY COLLEGE PILOT PROGRAM



RAILS and the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) have worked to identify community colleges for a pilot program. Illinois Central College in Peoria and Lincoln Land Community were added in 2022, and Oakton College and College of DuPage were added in 2023.



CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY JOINS EMI

- Chicago Public Library successfully joined Explore More Illinois in June 2023, making Explore More Illinois a true statewide program
- Attractions participating in CPL's previous museum pass program joined Explore More Illinois.
- RAILS, IHLS, and CPL look forward to working together on marketing opportunities in 2024.



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