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RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee Meeting

Monday, May 6, 2024 │10:00 am
RAILS Burr Ridge and Videoconference Sites
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1. Welcome and Call to Order
   Spratford called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

2. Roll Call of Members
   Present at Burr Ridge: Amy Dodson, Guillermo Gasca, Travis Givens, Julie Milavec, Jeanne Modelski, Becky Spratford
   Present at Bloomington Public Library: Dianne Hollister
   Present via Zoom: Laura Long
   Absent: Dr. Marlo Barnett

   A quorum was present.

3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements – Becky Spratford
   Guests at Burr Ridge: Joe Filapek, Monica Harris (Arrived at 11:00am), Mark Hatch, Barb Miller, Mary Kate Murray (Designated Note-Taker)
   Guests at Bloomington Public Library: None
   Guests on Zoom: Leslie Bednar, Janette Derucki, Stacy Palmisano, and Anne Slaughter

4. Public Comments
   There were no public comments.

5. Adoption of the Consent Agenda – Becky Spratford (Action Requested)
   5.1. Adoption of the Agenda
   5.2. Approval of the RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee Minutes of February 12, 2024
       Hollister moved and Milavec seconded the approval of the consent agenda as presented. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
       Ayes: Dodson, Gasca, Givens, Hollister, Milavec, Modelski, Spratford
       Nays: None

6. Reports
   RAILS Report
   Filapek announced the hiring of Member Engagement Specialist, Jessica Silva, who has a strong background in academic and school libraries. The RAILS member update is May 8; topics will include digital accessibility and recipients of 2023 My Library Is… grants. RAILS received two new box trucks. Hatch noted that a build-order is in place for three more box trucks and RAILS hopes to receive them by the end of the fiscal year.

6.1. Find More Illinois Report
Miller reported that the first group of CCS libraries has completed their Find More Illinois training, including Algonquin Area Public Library District, Morton Grove Public Library, Glenview Public Library, Zion-Benton Public Library District, McHenry Public Library District, and Winnetka Public Library. The second group of CCS libraries will begin training in the early summer. There are currently 36 libraries in various stages of onboarding. Since February, Farmington Area Public Library and Lake Park High School District 108 have gone live with the program. Oglesby Public Library District, Stockton Township Public Library, and Gail Borden Public Library have recently signed participation agreements.

7. Unfinished Business
   7.1. Statewide Online Educational Resources Program Update
   Filapek stated that bids were accepted for the Statewide Online Educational Resources Program RFP through March 29. The final review of the RFPs finished recently, and the vendor should be announced soon. The RFP called for a three-year contract with the option for seven one-year renewals, resulting in a ten-year contract. The Illinois State Library is working to make sure that the one million unserved residents will have access to the databases through ISL e-resource cards. RAILS members are encouraged to continue with budgeting and signing database renewal contracts as usual until all the information on the program implementation is available.

   7.2. RAILS Resource Sharing Plan Review
   Filapek presented the revised RAILS Resource Sharing Plan. Edits noted and discussed are as follows:
   - Links, administrative codes, employee titles, and grammatical errors were updated.
   - In Section VII, "Nonresident Cards and Nonresident Borrowing," language was added to address equity in non-resident borrowing privileges and about the Cards for Kids Act.
   - Strong language was maintained around the requirement for RAILS member libraries to upload their resource sharing plans to L2 in Section V, "System-Wide Reciprocal Borrowing."
   - "Cards for Kids" was added to Section IX, "Definitions."
   - Section X "Resource Sharing Plan Review" was added with the requirement that the RAILS Resource Sharing Plan be reviewed by the RAILS Resource Sharing Committee every three years.
   Modelski moved and Givens seconded the approval of the RAILS Resource Sharing Plan as presented to be brought to the RAILS Policy Committee. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
   Ayes: Dodson, Gasca, Givens, Hollister, Milavec, Modelski, Spratford
   Nays: None

8. New Business
   8.1. Discussion of Delivery Data
   Filapek reported that the RAILS Consortia Committee has been discussing the possibility of automating the quarterly delivery count with the help of ILS data. RAILS is developing a survey to submit to a small group of libraries to help determine the volume of materials sent via delivery that are not tracked by an ILS. RAILS Delivery Service Managers and staff worked to identify 15 libraries that achieve representation across all LLSAPs including libraries that are near standalone libraries or libraries that belong to different LLSAPs with the hope that these libraries see a higher percentage of materials from outside their own LLSAPs. The survey will also help RAILS better understand the terminology libraries use to describe untracked materials

and the ways in which those materials are tracked locally. Hatch noted that preliminary data submitted by CCS and Pinnacle presented differences in how data was tracked via ILS versus previous by-hand delivery counts.

8.2. Illinois Broadband Update

Slaughter reported on the ongoing efforts to extend broadband connections to those unserved and underserved in Illinois. Federal funding for digital equity is starting to trickle down to the state level. Illinois has been allocated just over 1 billion dollars through the Broadband Equity and Deployment (BEAD) program. The state of Illinois is in the process of deciding what projects get funded based on the Illinois Broadband Map created by the Illinois Office of Broadband. Illinois is receiving approximately 35 million dollars through the Digital Equity Act, which will be sub-granted out in late summer. The Illinois Digital Equity plan specifically mentions libraries as critical institutions in the broadband expansion effort, especially regarding access to equipment and digital skill learning. In the process for determining grant eligibility, internet service providers are currently offering rebuttals to challenges presented by some residents and government agencies regarding accessibility. Slaughter offered resources to stay informed on digital equity in Illinois, including broadbandforlibraries.com, the Broadband Pulse Page on the RAILS website, and subscribe to the Illinois Office of Broadband newsletter. Slaughter also encouraged reaching out to her directly with questions or concerns at anne.slaughter@railslibraries.org. Modelski asked whether there would be resources offered to library staff for applying for the state digital equity grants as they roll out. Slaughter noted that the Illinois Office of Broadband intends to plan workshops to help guide potential applicants through what needs to be done to secure grant funding.

9. Agenda Building

The next RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee meeting will be determined at a later date. Agenda items for that meeting will include a review of the RAILS Operational Plan and an update on delivery data.

Murray will reach out to committee members regarding term-limits and renewals.

10. Adjournment

Spratford adjourned the meeting at 11:27am.