

RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 18, 2024 | 10:00 am

RAILS Burr Ridge and Videoconference Sites

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1. Welcome and Call to Order
Milavec called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
2. Roll Call of Members
Murray called roll.
Present at Burr Ridge: Laura Long, Julie Milavec, Jeanne Modelski, Becky Spratford, Karen Voitik
Present via Zoom: Laura Golaszewski
Absent: Dr. Marlo Barnett, Guillermo Gasca
3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements
Guests at Burr Ridge: Joe Filapek, Monica Harris, Barb Miller, Mary Kate Murray (Designated Note-Taker), Maggie Thomann
Guests via Zoom: Eric Bain, Mark Hatch, Anne Slaughter

The committee introduced themselves and welcomed new members Laura Golaszewski and Karen Voitik.
4. Public Comments
There were no public comments.
5. Adoption of the Consent Agenda – Julie Milavec (Action Requested)
 - 5.1. Adoption of the Agenda
 - 5.2. Approval of the RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee Minutes of May 6, 2024
Modelski moved and Long seconded the approval of the consent agenda as presented.
The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
Ayes: Long, Milavec, Modelski, Spratford, Voitik
Nays: None
6. Reports
 - 6.1. RAILS Report – Joe Filapek
Filapek acknowledged that previous committee members Amy Dodson and Travis Givens have moved on and thanked them for their service. Maggie Thomann, the new RAILS Resource Sharing Specialist, introduced herself; she was hired in September 2024. Filapek noted that the Libraries: Agencies of Impact study can be found on the My Library Is website under “[Talking Points](#)”. After evaluating the current contract with Continental Transportation Logistics (CTL), RAILS decided to modify the agreement. CTL will still provide delivery services to the Chicagoland area, but sorting will be moved to the RAILS Bolingbrook service center. This will

be cost saving and will hopefully result in increased efficiencies. At last week's ILA conference, RAILS Staff, including Monica Harris, Mark Hatch, Janette Derucki, Leila Heath, Maggie Thomann, and Anne Slaughter presented. Voitik shared a session about improv ice breakers that she found helpful. Spratford praised former board member Rosie Camargo's session about Muppets. Spratford also presented about renovations in libraries. Long reported that the Public Policy Committee's meetup went well. Voitik noted that she hopes the talk on book bans would encourage volunteers for Regional Response Teams in support of libraries. Milavec reminded members to sign up for legislative meetups.

6.2. Find More Illinois Report – Barb Miller

Miller reported that Find More Illinois currently has 82 libraries. FMI has one academic library, 71 public libraries, nine school libraries, and one special library. Last month, 1,354 interlibrary loan transactions were completed through the program, and FMI holds 7.3 million items in its union catalog. Four libraries are currently being onboarded: Pleasant Plain CUSD #8, South Suburban College, Northbrook Public Library, and Highland Park Public Library. South Suburban College and FMI are working on a way to identify patrons within the system using user IDs. FMI is collaborating with CARLI to establish a participation model for academic libraries in hopes to expand academic participation throughout the state.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1. Statewide Online Educational Resources Program Update

The Illinois State Library has contracted with EBSCO to provide database access to all residents of Illinois, including those unserved by libraries. Suzanna Jones is the ISL contact, and any inquiries should be directed to her. A landing page on the state library's website is in development for information on the EBSCO database package. The Secretary of State's office has not officially announced the statewide database package, so libraries should not market or announce the plan to the public until that happens. Spratford noted that the EBSCO package does not include Novelist+, and asked for talking points around Novelist+, including reduced cost, and how to add it to the database package.

7.2. Discussion of Delivery Data

Filapek reported that RAILS is looking for an opportunity to make manual delivery counts more efficient using ILS data. RAILS surveyed 15 libraries of varying sizes, locations, and states of automation to try to account for outliers that are not tracked via ILS data. A delivery count is coming up November 18-22, and data from these 15 libraries will be analyzed alongside the regular 25% of libraries that are audited by RAILS staff. The topic will be discussed further at the Consortia Committee meeting on October 21. Filapek emphasized the importance of delivery numbers in advocating for RAILS services (miles travels, libraries served, items moved, etc.).

8. New Business

8.1. Approval of the FY25 RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee Schedule

Spratford moved, and Modelski seconded the approval of the FY25 RAILS Resource Sharing Committee meeting schedule as presented.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Long, Milavec, Modelski, Spratford, Voitik

Nays: None

8.2. Review of Resource Sharing Activities

Filapek discussed the portion of the RAILS FY2025 Operational Plan related to equitable resource sharing for member libraries. RAILS supports resource sharing through LLSAP Support Grants, delivery of library materials, economies of scale for group discounts, and statewide programs. This year, eight new vehicles should replace high-mileage delivery vehicles. Filapek noted that Mark Hatch has worked with GeoMarc (a lab for applied special analysis) to look for efficiencies in our delivery services. RAILS also has great relationships with library partners such as IHLS, ISL, AISLE, and ILA, and looks forward to collaborating with these institutions. The committee discussed ways in which RAILS can further help members through resource sharing. Spratford stated the system goal of having libraries share their resource sharing policies on L2 for the sake of transparency should be better enforced. Modelski communicated the importance of continuing to focus on serving the unserved within Illinois. For the member-facing annual report, Spratford recommended highlighting the progress of Find More Illinois. Voitik recommends using maps of the unserved--both a large-scale map and a zoomed-in map of the unserved areas in the suburbs, as well as rural areas. Long asked for more information about what the leadership training budgeted in the operational plan will look like.

9. Meeting Recap and Agenda Building for the Next RAILS Board Resource Sharing Meeting

The next Resource Sharing Committee Meeting will be Monday, December 9, 2024, at 10:00 am. Agenda items will include further updates on the Statewide Educational Resources program, Delivery Data, FMI's work with CARLI, and policy uploads on L2. Any agenda items or ideas for future presentations can be sent to Julie Milavec, Joe Filapek, or Mary Kate Murray.

10. Adjournment

Milavec adjourned the meeting at 10:58 am.