

Minutes

RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee Meeting

Monday, February 10, 2025 | 10:00 am

RAILS Burr Ridge and Videoconference Sites

125 Tower Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527 | 630.734.5000

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Milavec called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

2. Roll Call of Members

Murray called roll.

Present in Burr Ridge: Dr. Marlo Barnett, Laura Long, Julie Milavec, Jeanne Modelski, Becky Spratford

Present via Zoom: Laura Golaszewski

Absent: Guillermo Gasca, Karen Voitik

A quorum was present.

3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements

Guests in Burr Ridge: Joe Filapek, Monica Harris, Leila Heath, Barb Miller, Mary Kate Murray (Designated Note-Take), Jody Rubel, Maggie Thomann

Guests via Zoom: Eric Bain, Mark Hatch, Suzanna Jones, Anne Slaughter

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Adoption of the Consent Agenda

5.1. Adoption of the Agenda

5.2. Approval of the RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee Minutes of December 9, 2024

Spratford moved and Modelski seconded the approval of the consent agenda as presented. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Ayes: Barnett, Long, Milavec, Modelski, Spratford

Nays: None

6. Reports

6.1. RAILS Report

Filapek stated that the Illinois Libraries Agencies of Impact Report now has an accompanying media kit available on the [My Library Is](#) website. This includes poster files and infographics highlighting the role of libraries as logistics experts and value destinations. Filapek described a new Continuing Education initiative—RAILS Learning Labs—which are informal, interactive, online spaces that will provide more hands-on learning opportunities than passive webinars.

Also, Filapek noted, Alcel Glink put out a [revised memo](#) on immigration enforcement guidance for libraries.

6.2. Find More Illinois Report

Miller reported that there are currently 87 libraries in Find More Illinois (FMI), including 73 public libraries, 12 school libraries, 1 academic library, and 1 specialized library. Last month there were 1,427 interlibrary loan transactions via FMI and 7.6 million items in the FMI catalog. FMI is continuing to work with CARLI to develop an academic lender-only initiative to be launched in March. With CARLI's support, FMI staff has written an invitation to be sent to prospective academic libraries; they have also provided CARLI with information for academic libraries about how to join FMI and what set up will entail. CARLI plans to post information about joining FMI on their website. Also in development are new FMI pricing tiers that will be more equitable for all types of libraries.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1. Statewide Online Educational Resources Program Update

Jones stated that the implementation of the EBSCO database package is moving forward. Currently, the Illinois State Library (ISL) is creating a list of which libraries require outreach from ISL due to a possible lack of access. Now that some libraries have access to EBSCO resources, training will be held in the Spring. Communication about the program, including requests for usage statistics and training information, will be sent to library systems. ISL still does not have an official announcement date for promotion of the program. A website is in development at the Secretary of State's office that will have all the information about the EBSCO package available in one place.

7.2. Discussion of Delivery Data

Filapek explained that the RAILS Consortia Committee has been discussing the possible supplementation of the quarterly Delivery count data with ILS data. In February, all seven consortia within RAILS will submit ILS data from all their member libraries to the RAILS data team to compile, analyze, and compare to the physical count. The goal is to identify outliers that are not captured by ILS data and whether those outliers can be consistently accounted for in future delivery counts. This process will continue for a few quarterly counts.

8. New Business

8.1. Deals and Discounts Update

Heath gave an overview of the RAILS Deals and Discounts program, starting with a review of products RAILS offers to supplement the EBSCO database package including Consumer Reports, NoveList Plus, Library Aware, Academic Search Complete and Ultimate, and Advanced Placement Source. EBSCO supplements offered through RAILS can be purchased in packages and a-la-carte depending on the needs of the library. Information on these packages will be available on the RAILS website by the end of the week. Libraries will also have the ability to sign up for packages on the RAILS website very soon. Thomann reported that RAILS is securing a discount on online access to ChicagoTribune.com. Eighteen libraries are participating in a pilot program implementing the Tribune package from March to June for the Tribune and providing feedback on the experience. Rubel announced that RAILS is offering a partnership with SWANK to provide advantageous pricing on physical and streaming movie licensing for schools. This will

provide access to over 40,000 feature films, documentaries, and foreign titles that can be used both in school and at the home through the schools' learning management sites.

8.2. Discussion of Public Act 103-100

The committee discussed how PA103-0100, the "Ban on Book Bans" legislation introduced in January 2024 has impacted libraries, especially schools. So far, judging censorship data related to this legislation is difficult because it is so new. Some questions have arisen, such as whether LLSAP participation will be affected due to a push for more local control at some libraries. Spratford mentioned that some places may look for loopholes in the legislation that allow for the inclusion of the ALA Bill of Rights while censorship is still pursued. Other states are implementing their own Ban Book Bans legislation using stronger language to help mitigate loopholes. Barnett noted the importance of community engagement and parental involvement in children's education to curb censorship efforts.

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

The next RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28, at 10:00am. Suggested agenda items include a discussion on the Resource Sharing Committee's composition requirements and an eRead overview.

10. Adjournment

Milavec adjourned the meeting at 10:47am.