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RAILS Report – Consortia Committee

Delivery Data Project Update

As of late March, Grant Halter was awaiting submission of several datasets. Processing and analysis will begin upon his return to the office in early May, and we anticipate further reporting and discussion at the July Consortia Committee meeting.

Catalog Membership Grants

RAILS staff are currently reviewing five applications for Catalog Membership Grants and expects to announce awards in mid-May. This is the final group of awards for FY2025; budgeting is in process for FY2026.

2024 RAILS Annual Report

RAILS has produced a new <u>Annual Report for calendar year 2024</u>. This high-level view of our accomplishments over the year is focused on visuals and data and intended for easy sharing with library staff and boards.

New RAILS Policies – Succession and Ethical Artificial Intelligence

At their March 28, 2025 meeting, the RAILS Board approved two new policies that may be of interest. The <u>Ethical Artificial Intelligence</u> policy pertains to RAILS' acquisition and use of generative artificial intelligence technologies. The <u>Succession Plan</u> outlines scenarios and procedures for smooth transitions in the event that the Executive Director is absent for an extended period of time.

Advocacy for IMLS

RAILS is actively monitoring the changes at IMLS and working with our partners across the state to advocate and share resources. We have begun compiling all updates and resources into a centralized location at https://railslibraries.org/imls-advocacy. We particularly call your attention to the Joint Statement from RAILS, IHLS, ILA, CARLI, and AISLE, and an Advocating for Libraries online event on Wednesday, April 23 at 1 p.m.

RAILS Member Update May 14

All consortia staff are welcome to attend RAILS Member Updates and other events. Our next <u>Member</u> <u>Update is Wednesday, May 14 at 3 p.m.</u> (L2 login required to view event.)