

Minutes

RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee Meeting

Monday, April 28, 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 10:03 am.
2. Roll Call of Members
Present in Burr Ridge: Dr. Marlo Barnett (arrived at 10:32am), Guillermo Gasca, Laura Long (arrived at 10:04am), Julie Milavec, Jeanne Modelski, Becky Spratford, Karen Voitik
Present via Zoom: Laura Golaszewski

A quorum was present.
3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements
Guests at Burr Ridge: Joe Filapek, Monica Harris, Leila Heath, Barb Miller, Mary Kate Murray, Jody Rubel, Maggie Thomann
Guests via Zoom: Anna Behm, Ryan Hebel, Anne Slaughter
4. Public Comments
There were no public comments.
5. Adoption of the Consent Agenda – Julie Milavec
 - 5.1. Adoption of the Agenda
 - 5.2. Approval of the RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee Minutes of February 10, 2025
Voitik moved and Spratford seconded the approval of the consent agenda as presented. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.
Ayes: Gasca, Long, Milavec, Modelski, Spratford, Voitik
Nays: None
6. Reports
 - 6.1. RAILS Report – Joe Filapek
Filapek stated that a member-facing [annual report for 2024](#) is available on the RAILS website; RAILS recently held an online event about advocacy in libraries and the impact of Delivery; and voting for the RAILS election opens on May 7, 2025. Filapek also announced that the *Chicago Tribune* published an article on RAILS, Delivery, and the impact of interlibrary loan.
 - 6.2. Find More Illinois Report – Barb Miller

Miller reported that Find More Illinois (FMI) currently has 87 libraries—73 public, 12 school, one academic, and one special. There are 7.5 million items and 2.5 million bib records in the shared FMI catalog, and there were 15,248 transactions between libraries in the past 12 months. Find More Illinois staff is working with CARLI to establish NSIP connectivity; lender-only invitations have gone out to several academic libraries. Miller announced that La Grange Public Library intends to join Find More Illinois, which would be the first SWAN library in the program.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1. Resource Sharing Information in L2

Filapek started a conversation about knowledge of L2 among library staff and board members, especially as it relates to posting Resource Sharing policies and Non-Resident information on the website. The committee concluded that while Directors are aware of L2, L2 is not marketed well to library staff beyond Continuing Education offerings; RAILS may need to create more resources, such as an introductory video, for library staff to learn about L2 on their own or during employee onboarding. Allowing for more complex search results within L2 (for example, having a Resource Sharing map or being able to pull all Resource Sharing policies in a county) may be helpful in increasing usage of L2 as a policy directory. The committee emphasized the importance of promoting L2 to library staff in circulation and interlibrary loan and recommended collaborating with consortia in a marketing campaign.

7.2. Update on Illinois State Advisory Committee and FY2026 budgeting

Harris attended the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee (ISLAC) meeting in March where Anne Slaughter and Troy Brown (IHLS) gave a presentation about broadband equity access and deployment; the Illinois State Library provided an overview of the OCLC WorldCat Discovery Subscription as it relates to IMLS funding; and the committee discussed a breakdown of per capita grant funding. Any changes in IMLS funding should not affect per capita grants to public or school libraries. Harris reported that the Illinois State Library has recommended that RAILS submit a level budget for FY2026. At the most recent RAILS board meeting, Greg McCormick announced that the Illinois State Library received partial funding from IMLS and is waiting to hear on the status of the remainder of that funding. The [IMLS Advocacy Pulse Page](#) on the RAILS website provides a timeline of events related to federal actions and a variety of advocacy resources for libraries and trustees. Harris noted the increased media attention around library funding and the potential impact on advocacy for libraries at a local, state, and federal level.

8. New Business

8.1. E-Content Overview

Behm presented the major e-content providers in Illinois, how their use varies across different libraries, consortia, and library systems throughout the state. E-Read Illinois started as a grant funded program in 2013 to expand access to e-Books in Illinois. RAILS' e-Read is an opt-in program, and one hundred percent of the fees that members pay into the program go toward collection development. Behm discussed the complexity of managing a large e-content consortium, determining equitable fee structures, dealing with technological issues or changes at the vendor level, navigating pricing and licensing complications, and helping libraries manage e-collections across multiple platforms. Programs like The Palace Project, formerly SimplyE, have worked on solutions to managing multiple collections.

8.2. FY2026 Resource Sharing Committee Composition

Filapek thanked Julie Milavec, Jeanne Modelski, and Becky Spratford for their service to the RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee and discussed a focus on diversity in library-type and geography for committee member recruitment. Filapek also presented the Resource Sharing Committee charge and a draft meeting schedule for FY2026.

9. Meeting Recap and Agenda Building

The date of the next RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee Meeting is to be determined. Murray will reach out to current members regarding a meeting schedule and the intent to continue service.

10. Adjournment

Milavec adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.