RAILS Support to LLSAPs
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Service of the Month

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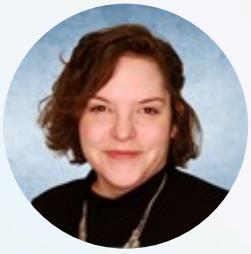

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WHAT IS AN LLSAP?

"Local Library System Automation Program [LLSAP] means an integrated library system open to membership by full library system members of all types developed by or receiving financial or in kind support from a library system."
(23 Ill. Adm. Code 3030)

Consortium or network of libraries that share catalog software and seamlessly share their collections and patron data with each other.

LLSAPs are major drivers of resource sharing and essential partners in supporting RAILS member libraries' operations.

RAILS SUPPORT LOWERS BARRIERS TO LLSAP PARTICIPATION

LLSAP SUPPORT GRANT

- $2.25M distributed annually
- Supplements membership fee revenue
- Has evolved over time; many LLSAPs began as system departments

CATALOG MEMBERSHIP GRANT

- Covers many costs to join (vendor fees, tech equipment, cataloging)
- Since October 2014, 84 awards totaling $2M+, connecting over 106,000 Illinois residents

ONGOING PARTNERSHIP

- RAILS Board Consortia Committee
- Delivery service
- Deals & discounts collaboration
- Access to L2 platform & RAILS facilities
- ...and more

LLSAPS SERVE 32% OF RAILS LIBRARIES

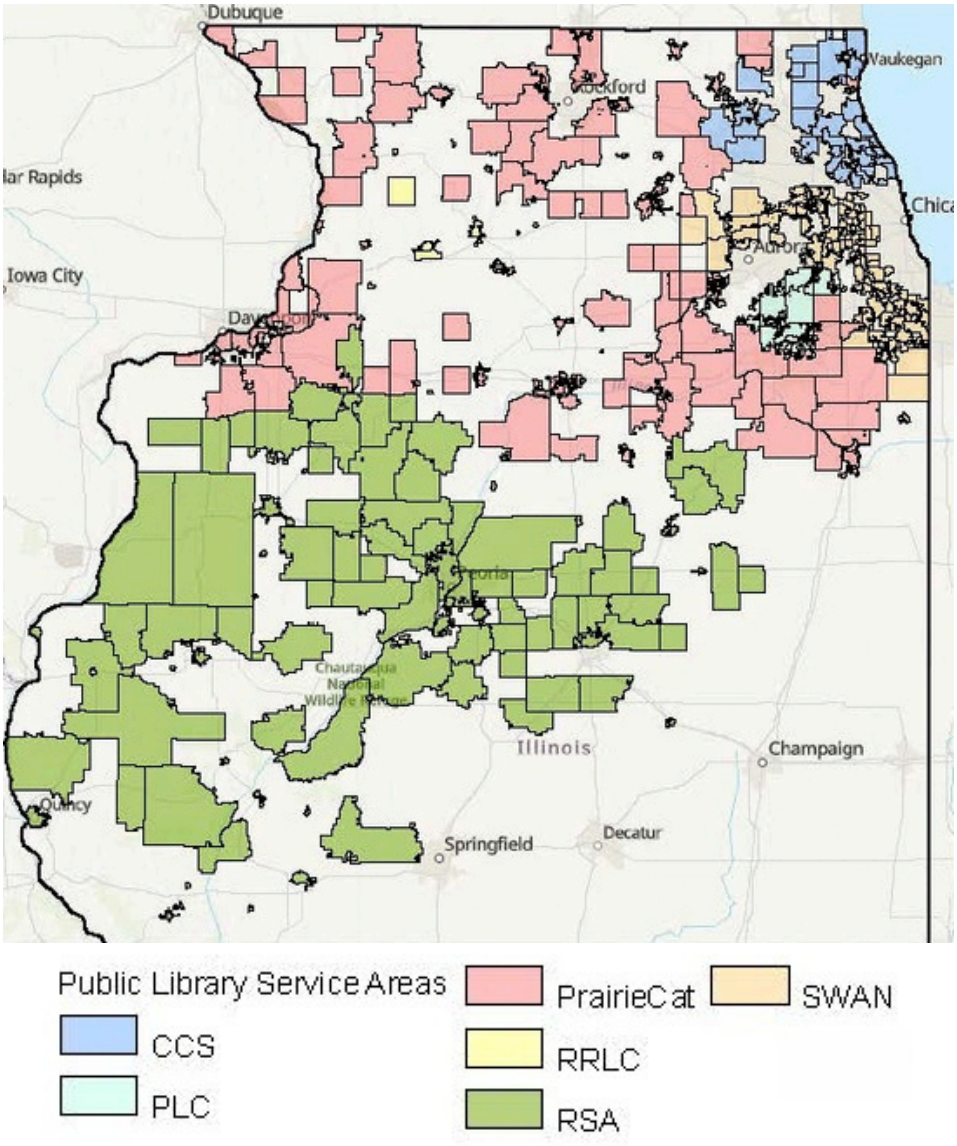
Cooperative Computer Services

Pinnacle Library Coorperative

PrairieCat

Rock River Library Cooperative

Resource Sharing Alliance

System Wide Automated Network

LLSAP	Members	Staff FTE
Cooperative Computer Services (CCS)	32	9
Pinnacle Library Cooperative	6	1
PrairieCat	104	12
Resource Sharing Alliance (RSA)	130	12
Rock River Library Consortium (RRLC)	12	0
SWAN	100	17
Total	**384**	**51**