



RAILS

REACHING ACROSS ILLINOIS LIBRARY SYSTEM

Membership Background

[Library Summary](#)

Institution name: Lake Forest Academy

Library name: Lake Forest Academy Library

Library type: School

City: Lake Forest, IL

Primary library contact: Rita MacAyeal, Ashley Kolovitz

Recommended board action: Full Membership

Library holdings: 10,550

OCLC member (yes or no): Yes

Online catalog (OPAC): Yes

eRead Illinois member (yes or no): No

[Description:](#)

Lake Forest Academy serves 452 students, about half live on campus as Lake Forest is also a boarding school. Lake Forest serves students in grades 9-12. Students have the option to board or be a day student. Librarians Ashley Kolovitz and Rita MacAyeal serve the students of Lake Forest. The school English department hosts author visits, and an author series. All freshmen students take digital media literacy class for one semester with a librarian and then follow up as sophomores with lessons about mis- and dis-information. The librarians offer push-in instructional literacy, workshops on how to use maker tools, and social activities. Rita runs the school book club and archive club, and Ashley also teaches yoga. They also have a faculty and staff book club. They have also work on digital displays and book recommendations. The librarians are interested in discounts, networking, and professional development. Discounts on databases are welcome. They are very excited about joining RAILS and are also going to plug RAILS membership to their independent schools network. Lake Forest learned more about RAILS as Ashley presented at the Illinois School Library Workers Symposium.



Membership Background

Library Summary

Institution name: Washington Central School District 51

Library name: Washington Central School District 51

Library type: School

City: Washington, IL

Primary library contact: Sarah Heffta

Recommended board action: Full membership

Library holdings: 23,457

OCLC member (yes or no): No

Online catalog (OPAC): No

eRead Illinois member (yes or no): No

Description:

Our district has 1250 students. Katie Mann and Sarah Heffta are the librarians. Katie Mann serves the K-4 campus. Sarah Heffta is the 5-8 grade librarian. They have successful library programs and have hosted authors and are participating in one book one school with a picture book and middle grade book and a visit with the author is planned. The district also has a good partnership with Washington District Public Library. They learned about RAILS membership through our IASB conference presence. They are excited about the school library grant and potential joining of e-read platform, as well as professional development opportunities.