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**REACHING ACROSS ILLINOIS LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEETING**

Friday, January 23, 2026 | 1:00 PM  
RAILS Burr Ridge  
125 Tower Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Call to Order -Gwen Gregory, President  
Videoconference site:  
RAILS, 715 Sabrina Drive, East Peoria, IL
2. Roll Call of Members - Stacy Palmisano
3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements -Gwen Gregory
4. Public comments -Gwen Gregory
5. Consent agenda – Gwen Gregory
  - 5.1. Adoption of the Agenda
  - 5.2. RAILS Board Minutes of November 21, 2025, Regular Meeting
  - 5.3. Approval of Disbursements: November and December - Sharon Swanson
6. RAILS Single Audit (action requested) - Sharon Swanson
7. RAILS Financial Report - Sharon Swanson
8. Reports
  - 8.1. Report from the RAILS President
  - 8.2. RAILS Board Committee Reports - Committee Chairs
    - 8.2.1. Advocacy Committee – Jean Carroll
    - 8.2.2. Consortia Committee – Alex Vancina
    - 8.2.3. Executive Committee - Gwen Gregory
    - 8.2.4. Policy Committee – Catherine Yanikoski
    - 8.2.5. Resource Sharing Committee – Jennifer Hovanec
    - 8.2.6. Universal Service Committee – Catherine Yanikoski
  - 8.3. RAILS Reports
    - 8.3.1. RAILS Monthly Report – Monica Harris
    - 8.3.2. RAILS Service of the Month: LLSAP Service – Anne Slaughter

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8.4. Illinois State Library Report- ISL staff

9. New business

- 9.1. The Palace Project (discussion only) – Monica Harris, Leila Heath
- 9.2. Strategic Plan 2027-2029 (discussion only) – Monica Harris
- 9.3. MOU for RSA Vehicle Transition (action requested) – Monica Harris, Joe Filapek
- 9.4. New Member Application (action requested) – Jessica Silva

10. Board Development

- 10.1. Overview of Special Libraries – Heather Kotula, President and CEO of Access Innovations, Inc.

11. RAILS Board Member Reports

12. Meeting recap and agenda building: RAILS board meeting Friday, February 27, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

13. Closed Session

The Board will move into closed session to discuss matters pertaining to the following, as per 5 Illinois Compiled Statutes, chapter 120, paragraph 2, section 2 c(21), to discuss matters listed below:

*Exceptions. A public body may hold closed meetings to consider the following subjects:  
(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.*

14. Actions in follow-up to closed session

- 14.1. Six-month Review of Closed Session Minutes (action requested) – Gwen Gregory

15. Adjourn

**UNLESS THE AGENDA LINE ITEM STATES OTHERWISE, A FINAL VOTE OR ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT THE MEETING ON ANY OF THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEMS.**