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RAILS Deals & Discounts Updates

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EBSCO SUPPLEMENTAL PACKAGES AND RESOURCES

Signup and renewal are now open for public and K-12 libraries to subscribe to packages and resources to supplement the free Illinois State Library Statewide E-Resource Package.

NEW OFFERINGS THIS YEAR:

- “Ultimate” upgrades included in the Flagship Package
- Access to Learn with Novelist Plus

NEW DEALS & DISCOUNTS EMAIL LISTS

The Deals & Discounts team launched email lists for both public and K-12 libraries. The Deals email list for public libraries already has over 100 subscribers.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE DIGITAL

RAILS public libraries are eligible for digital access to *Chicago Tribune*, which includes unlimited patron access to *chicagotribune.com* and the E-Edition digital replica of the newspaper, both remotely and onsite. New subscribers can receive early access.

DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY

As the ADA Title II enforcement deadline approaches for many libraries, it’s important to ensure that both library web sites and third-party digital resources the library subscribes to meet required accessibility standards. RAILS has compiled resources to help evaluate products and communicate effectively with vendors, including maintaining a VPAT Repository that includes updated VPATs/ACRs and accessibility statements for many e-resources.

NEW & UPCOMING DEALS

- Playgarden Online
- Penworthy