
REACHING ACROSS ILLINOIS LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE

Monday, March 9, 2026 | 10:00 AM

RAILS Burr Ridge and Videoconference Sites

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MINUTES

1. Welcome and Call to Order
Hovanec called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.
2. Roll Call of Committee Members
Present in Burr Ridge: Guillermo Gasca, Jennifer Hovanec, Laura Long, and Karen Voitik

Present on Zoom: Dr. Marlo Barnett (arrived after 10 am) and Jesse Henning

Absent: Laura Golaszewski
3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements
Guests at Burr Ridge: Monica Harris, Joe Filapek, Mark Hatch, Leila Heath, Barb Miller, Maggie Thomann, Kortni Springer, and Gwen Gemmell (designated notetaker)

Guests on Zoom: Ryan Hebel, Leslie Bednar, and Eric Bain
4. Public comments
There were no public comments.
5. Consent Agenda
 - 5.1. Adoption of the Agenda
 - 5.2. Approval of the RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee Minutes of December 8, 2025.
Long moved to approve the consent agenda, Voitik seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
6. Reports
 - 6.1. RAILS Report
Filapek noted the resignation of Beth Ryan, Director at Johnsburg Public Library, from the Resource Sharing Committee due to health reasons. We thank Beth for her service to RAILS. Filapek presented the L2 Onboarding Handout. Additionally, data from the Community

College Library Survey will be presented to the Universal Service Committee at their March meeting, and the results will be shared at the next Resource Sharing meeting. RAILS will begin its Strategic Planning cycle this year, which will include a member survey that will be available in April or May.

6.2. Find More Illinois Report

Barb Miller, Consortial Services Manager, gave a report on the status of Find More Illinois (FMI). FMI currently has over 9 million items in its catalog. CCS has committed to FMI membership as a full consortium for the next three years. FMI currently has 71 public, 12 school, 1 special, and 8 academic libraries enrolled. Long asked about sticking points for libraries regarding FMI membership, OCLC pricing models, and whether leadership from the Illinois State Library is needed. Harris noted that the Illinois State Library Advisor Committee (ISLAC) will be issuing a survey in the next few months, and that feedback is important for determining the state's priorities. Hovanec asked if RAILS can promote the survey to its membership and encouraged other library professionals active online to share through available channels. Harris shared that conversations about potential state-to-state Resource Sharing through FMI with Wisconsin have begun.

7. Legislative Update

Filapek and Harris gave an update on recent federal and state legislation. Filapek highlighted the ILA's Bill monitoring page and flagged HB 3441, which would allocate \$3 million towards a recurring grant program for academic libraries focused on Open Educational Resources (OER). Additional highlighted legislation includes HB 4261, which would amend the Library System Act to offer increased funding for various library grants (per capita and per square mile) to account for inflation. This currently has bipartisan support. There are also bills relating to FOIA and school book content-rating systems that will continue to be monitored. Harris shared that progress is fast moving for more favorable eBook pricing in Illinois with HB 5236, The Digital Library Protection Act, and advised library staff and patrons to submit witness support slips when advised by ILA.

8. New business

8.1. RAILS Deals and Discounts Update

Maggie Thomann and Kortni Springer, Library Resource Specialists, gave an update on the Deals and Discounts program. Springer spoke of the supplemental EBSCO packages for K-12 and public libraries that are being offered to accompany the EBSCO statewide database package. Libraries can purchase additional access through packages or individual

subscriptions. RAILS recently launched a new Deals & Discounts email listserv for K-12 and public libraries where new resources and updates on projects can be shared directly with interested member libraries. The lists will receive a monthly newsletter. The public library list currently has over 115 public library subscribers. Thomann detailed the progress of the Chicago Tribune Digital Access Group Purchase and Discount which is now available to all libraries to join as of July 1, 2026. Thomann also detailed plans to support members in regards to digital accessibility of e-resources due to the new ADA Title II Web Accessibility requirements. The long running Vendor Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) is a good resource for vendor accessibility information, and the Deals team has been communicating with vendors on the accessibility of their products, as well as other collaborative efforts to compile resources in this area.

8.2. RAILS Delivery Overview and Updates

Mark Hatch, Delivery and Facilities Director, gave an overview of RAILS delivery. Hatch detailed the best way to receive assistance for delivery through the Help Desk, gave an overview of the RAILS hub locations and typical schedules, and the importance of Delivery Counts data for continued service. Hatch emphasized the importance of having designated System Delivery Contacts for libraries to receive delivery notifications through email. In the coming months, an automated email may be sent when Delivery Counts data is not received. Hatch detailed the plan within ILDS to switch from a night drop off to a mid-morning drop off of materials between RAILS and IHLS that will go into effect June 29. Committee members discussed trends within delivery service and offered insight into patron expectations of interlibrary loan.

9. Meeting Recap and Agenda Building for the Next RAILS Board Resource Sharing Committee Meeting on June 8, 2026

The June meeting agenda will include a summary of data from the Community College Library Survey, the introduction of a new committee member, and additional updates on Find More Illinois.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11 am.