

DATE: April 17, 2026
TO: RAILS Board of Directors
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SUBJECT: Request to Withdraw Uncertified Libraries and Recommendations for Suspension

In compliance with Illinois statutes and administrative rules, annual certification is required of all library system members in order to retain system membership and eligibility for grants administered by the Illinois State Library [23 Ill. Adm. Code 3030.200]. The portal opened on January 1, 2026, and closed on March 31, 2026. The RAILS Admin team worked with several members to certify after the deadline.

[Withdrawn Members](#)

The following agencies either closed completely or voluntarily withdrew from RAILS membership. This list is informational only, as closures and withdrawals do not require board action. The Illinois State Library has been notified.

Agency	Type	Reason
Arentfoxx Schiff LLP	Special	No longer needed to be a member
Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah	Special	Moving and no plan for a library
Crete-Monee Unit School District #201-U	School	Withdrawn
Deere & Company Administrative Center	Special	Dissolved and materials distributed
EcoLab	Special	Library dissolved
Gas Technology Institute	Special	Library dissolved
Hartsburg Emden CUSD #21	School	No librarian/stopped responding
Hines Veterans Administration Hospital	Special	No librarian/stopped responding
IC Catholic Prep	School	Will not be hiring library staff
National Archives and Records Admin.	Special	Withdrawn
Saint Augustine College	Academic	Absorbed into Lewis University
Saint Catherine Laboure	School	Closed in May 2025
Saint Mary's School	School	Withdrawn
Saint Petronille Catholic School	School	Withdrawn
Saint Walter School	School	Withdrawn
Stephan Company	Special	Withdrawn
The Center	Special	Library dissolved
The Heartland Institute	Special	Downsized and distributed books

Agency	Type	Reason
Trinity Christian College	Academic	Closing in May 2026
Trinity International University	Academic	Merging with University in Canada
Williamsfield CUSE #210	School	No staff person

Recommendations for Suspension

By April 17, all but two RAILS libraries had successfully completed certification. Repeated phone calls and emails were made requesting a voluntary withdrawal from the system, but no response was received. We ask that the RAILS Board recommend the suspension of the following libraries to the Illinois State Library:

Agency	Type	Reason
Saint Patrick High School	School	Did not certify or confirm after multiple contacts
Lemont-Bromberek CSD #113A	School	Did not certify or confirm after multiple contacts