
REACHING ACROSS ILLINOIS LIBRARY SYSTEM

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 14, 2026 | 4:00 PM
RAILS Burr Ridge and Videoconference Sites
125 Tower Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527 | 630.734.5000

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Monica Harris
Videoconference sites:
Cook Memorial Public Library District (Aspen Drive Library), 701 Aspen Drive, Vernon Hills, IL
Rockford University – Howard Colman Library, 5050 East State Street, Rockford, IL
Shorewood-Troy Public Library District, 650 Deerwood Drive, Shorewood, IL
2. Roll Call of Members – Alice Grabowski
3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements – Jean Carroll
4. Public comments – Jean Carroll
5. Adoption of the Consent Agenda (action requested) – Jean Carroll
 - 5.1. Adoption of the Agenda
 - 5.2. Approval of the RAILS Board Advocacy Minutes of March 12, 2026
6. New Business
 - 6.1. eBooks Advocacy (discussion only) – Aaron Skog, Sara Murray
 - 6.2. School Librarian Staffing and District 65 – Janette Derucki, Jessica Silva (discussion only)
 - 6.3. Advocacy Committee Meeting Date for July 9, 2026 (action requested)
7. Reports
 - 7.1. Federal Legislative and Advocacy Update (discussion only) – Monica Harris
 - 7.2. Illinois Legislative and Advocacy Update (discussion only) – Monica Harris
 - 7.3. AISLE Advocacy Committee Report (discussion only) – Monica Caldicott
 - 7.3.1 AISLE Advocacy and Partnership (discussion only) – Gail Meyer
8. Unfinished Business
 - 8.1. Library Issues Updates (discussion only)

9. Meeting Recap and Agenda Building for the next RAILS Board Advocacy Committee Meeting
July 9, 2026

10. Adjournment – Jean Carroll