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ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 15, 2026 | 3:30 PM
RAILS Burr Ridge and Videoconference Sites
125 Tower Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527 | 630.734.5000

REVISED AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Emily Porter
Videoconference sites:
RAILS East Peoria, 715 Sabrina Drive, East Peoria, IL
Rockford University – Howard Colman Library, 5050 East State Street, Rockford, IL
2. Roll Call of Members – Alice Grabowski
3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements – Emily Porter
4. Public comments – Emily Porter
5. Adoption of the Consent Agenda (action requested) – Emily Porter
 - 5.1. Adoption of the Agenda
 - 5.2. Approval of the RAILS Board Advocacy Minutes of August 20, 2026
6. New Business
 - 6.1. RAILS Statement of Support for School Libraries and School Librarians (possible action)
– Monica Harris, Janette Derucki, Jessica Silva
 - 6.2. Development of a RAILS Advocacy Framework (discussion only) – Monica Harris
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) – Joanna Marek
8. Unfinished Business
 - 8.1. Library Issues Updates (discussion only)



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9. Meeting Recap and Agenda Building for the next RAILS Board Advocacy Committee Meeting
 10. Adjournment – Emily Porter