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REACHING ACROSS ILLINOIS LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

Friday, November 20, 2026|1:00 PM
RAILS Burr Ridge
RAILS Burr Ridge, 125 Tower Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call to Order - Catherine Yanikoski, President
   Videoconference site:
   DeKalb Public Library, 309 Oak Street, DeKalb, IL
   Prairie Creek Public Library District, 501 Carriage House Lane, Dwight, IL
   Rockford University, Howard Colman Library, 5050 East State Street, Rockford, IL

2. Roll Call of Board Members - Stacy Palmisano

3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements—Catherine Yanikoski

4. Public Comments—Catherine Yanikoski

5. Consent Agenda (action requested) - Catherine Yanikoski
   5.1. Adoption of the Agenda
   5.2. RAILS Board Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2026
   5.3. Approval of Disbursements: October 2026

6. RAILS Financial Report - Sharon Swanson

7. Reports - Catherine Yanikoski
   7.1. Report from the RAILS President
   7.2. RAILS Board Committee Reports - Committee Chairs
      7.2.1. Advocacy Committee - Emily Porter
      7.2.2. Consortia Committee - Megan Gove
      7.2.3. Executive Committee - Catherine Yanikoski
      7.2.4. Nominating Committee - Gwen Gregory
      7.2.5. Policy Committee - Amanda Kowalcze
      7.2.6. Resource Sharing Committee - Gwen Gregory
      7.2.7. Universal Service Committee - Jennifer Cutshall
   7.3. RAILS Reports
      7.3.1. RAILS Monthly Report - Monica Harris
      7.3.2. RAILS Service of the Month: eRead Illinois & Inkie.org - Anna Behm, Leila Heath
   7.4. Illinois State Library Report - ISL staff

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8. New business
   8.1. Strategic Plan (approval requested) – Monica Harris, Joe Filapek, Cindy Fesemyer
   8.2. Capital Needs Assessment Update (discussion only) - Joe Filapek, Mark Hatch
   8.3. RAILS Closing for Staff In-Service (approval requested) - Monica Harris
   8.4. Reschedule March 26, 2027, RAILS Board Meeting (approval requested) - Monica Harris
   8.5. Advocacy Committee Charge Revision (approval requested) - Monica Harris

9. Board Development
   9.1. Small and Rural Libraries – Jaclyn Trujillo, Director, Walnut Public Library District

10. RAILS Board Member Reports - Catherine Yanikoski

11. Agenda Building: RAILS Board Meeting Friday, January 22, 2027 - Catherine Yanikoski

12. Closed Session – Catherine Yanikoski
    The Board will move into closed session to discuss matters pertaining to the following, as per 5 Illinois Compiled Statutes, chapter 120, paragraph 2, section 2(c)(21), to discuss matters listed below:
    Exceptions. A public body may hold closed meetings to consider the following subjects:
    (21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

13. Actions in Follow-up to Closed Session – Catherine Yanikoski
    13.1. Six-Month Review of Closed Session Minutes (action requested)

14. Adjourn – Catherine Yanikoski