

RAILS Membership Criteria by Library Type

Criteria	Academic	Public	School	Special
Library meets taxing level <i>-Must be authorized to levy a tax for library purposes</i>		X		
Library follows ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Code <i>-Must be willing to make its collection available via ILL</i> <i>-Must be willing to publish its lending and borrowing policies</i> <i>-An exception can be granted by the State Librarian for special research libraries with noncirculating collections</i>	X	X	X	X
Library provides reciprocal borrowing to other libraries in system <i>-Must be willing to make materials available to patrons of other member libraries in the least restrictive way possible</i>		X		
Library has bibliographically organized collection <i>-Must have some system of organization, i.e. Dewey, Library of Congress</i>	X	X	X	X
Library is staffed by paid employees at least 15 hours/week <i>-Cannot be staffed by volunteers</i>	X	X	X	X
Library collection has permanent financial support <i>-Must have a budget line or some form of sustained funding</i>	X	X	X	X
Library is accessible centrally <i>-Must have at least one main location</i>	X	X	X	X
Library occupies identifiable quarters in one principal location <i>-Cannot be entirely online</i>	X	X	X	X