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Reaching Across Illinois Library System

RAILS helps our members...

Learn/Stay Informed

Development & Education

RAILS offers continuing education (CE) training and workshops for all types of libraries (academic, public, school, and special) in person and via videoconference, streaming video, and webinar.

- Search for upcoming CE by date, library type, topic, and more at railslibraries.info/events/ce.
- View recorded presentations 24/7 via the CE Archives at railslibraries.info/services/ce-archives.
- View statewide CE on the Library Learning (L2) calendar at librarylearning.info.

RAILS also offers training for public library trustees at railslibraries.info/services/trustee.

RAILS offers grants for networking groups that offer CE to RAILS members at railslibraries.info/services/ce-grant.

RAILS consulting services (railslibraries.info/services/consulting) include:

- Online consulting directory
- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Hotline
- Discounted Management Association benefits

Quarterly member update sessions feature the latest RAILS news.
railslibraries.info/membership/networking-events

Our *Sparks* podcast features interviews on current library issues and trends.
railslibraries.info/sparks



Connect with Colleagues

Search for RAILS members by library name, director's name, library type, county, delivery code, catalog, and more.

railslibraries.info/membership/member-directory



Quickly poll
colleagues on a
variety of topics
with Fast Facts.
[railslibraries.info/
fast-facts](https://railslibraries.info/fast-facts)

Share best practices, war stories, and more with those who share your interests/position via a wide variety of email lists.

railslibraries.info/membership/email-lists

RAILS offers grants for libraries of different types (academic, public, school, and special) to work together on collaborative projects.

railslibraries.info/multitype-grants

Connect with colleagues at RAILS member networking events.
railslibraries.info/membership/networking-events

Find an in-person networking group best suited to your interests.
railslibraries.info/membership/groups

Share your library news and photos via the RAILS website.
railslibraries.info/membership/news

Interact with RAILS and other members via our Facebook page.
www.facebook.com/railslibraries

Keep your library information up-to-date so colleagues can easily find you.
librarylearning.info



Share Resources

RAILS delivers millions of items annually between member libraries based on need.

railslibraries.info/services/delivery

Delivery Help Desk: railsdelivery@railslibraries.info

This email is the easiest, most convenient way for RAILS members to report missing items, misrouted materials, damaged items, library closings, or any other feedback you have regarding delivery.

RAILS offers support for shared online catalogs at

railslibraries.info/services/catalogs.

The RAILS overlay project aims to provide library users with seamless access to the online catalogs of participating consortia and standalone libraries.

railslibraries.info/services/overlay-project



The eRead Illinois Axis 360 collection includes e-books and e-audio for adults and children with very reasonable pricing.

ereadillinois.com

Our partnership with BiblioBoard provides access to Popup Picks, Recovering the Classics, and other e-book collections through geolocation-based authentication, and at no cost to anyone in Illinois. There are no holds and no limit on simultaneous use.

railslibraries.info/services/biblioboard



Save Money

RAILS offers discounts and group purchases for all types of libraries.

railslibraries.info/deals

View free/for sale items from other libraries or post your own.

railslibraries.info/membership/classifieds

What is RAILS?

The Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) offers continuing education, delivery, e-resources, support for shared online catalogs, group purchases/discounts, networking opportunities, grants, and other innovative services to nearly 1300 academic, public, school, and special libraries in northern and west-central Illinois and beyond.

Find out more:

- Visit the RAILS website at railslibraries.info
- Subscribe to the weekly *RAILS E-News* or our periodic e-newsletters for academic, school, or special libraries at railslibraries.info/newsletters.
- Request a visit to your library by a RAILS staff member at railslibraries.info/membership/visit-request
- Contact the RAILS Communications Team at communications@railslibraries.info.

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