



**R A I L S**

**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](https://railslibraries.info/events/ce).

View recorded presentations 24/7 via the CE Archives at [railslibraries.info/services/ce-archives](https://railslibraries.info/services/ce-archives).

View statewide CE on the Library Learning (L2) calendar at [librarylearning.info](https://librarylearning.info).

RAILS also offers training for public library trustees at [railslibraries.info/services/trustee](https://railslibraries.info/services/trustee).

RAILS offers grants for individual libraries, networking groups, and consortia that offer CE to RAILS members at [railslibraries.info/services/ce-grant](https://railslibraries.info/services/ce-grant).

RAILS consulting services ([railslibraries.info/services/consulting](https://railslibraries.info/services/consulting)) include:

- ▶ Online consulting directory
- ▶ Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Hotline
- ▶ Discounted HR Source benefits

Quarterly member update sessions feature the latest **RAILS** news.

[railslibraries.info/membership/networking-events](https://railslibraries.info/membership/networking-events)

Our *Sparks* podcast features interviews on current library issues and trends.

[railslibraries.info/sparks](https://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](https://railslibraries.info/membership/member-directory)

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](https://railslibraries.info/membership/email-lists)

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

[railslibraries.info/partnership-grants](https://railslibraries.info/partnership-grants)

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

Connect with colleagues at RAILS member meetups.

[railslibraries.info/membership/networking-events](https://railslibraries.info/membership/networking-events)

Find an in-person networking group best suited to your interests.

[railslibraries.info/membership/groups](https://railslibraries.info/membership/groups)

Share your library news and photos via the RAILS website.

[railslibraries.info/membership/news](https://railslibraries.info/membership/news)

Interact with RAILS and other members via our social media pages.

[facebook.com/railslibraries](https://facebook.com/railslibraries)

[twitter.com/railslibraries](https://twitter.com/railslibraries)

[instagram.com/railslibraries](https://instagram.com/railslibraries)

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

[librarylearning.info](https://librarylearning.info)

# Share Resources

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

[railslibraries.info/services/delivery](https://railslibraries.info/services/delivery)

Delivery Help Desk: [railsdelivery@railslibraries.info](mailto:railsdelivery@railslibraries.info)

The most convenient way for RAILS members to report missing items, misrouted materials, damaged items, library closings, or any other delivery feedback.

RAILS offers support for shared online catalogs including membership grants at

[railslibraries.info/services/catalogs](https://railslibraries.info/services/catalogs).

Find More Illinois aims to provide library users with seamless access to the online catalogs of participating consortia and standalone libraries.

[findmoreillinois.org](https://findmoreillinois.org)



Explore More Illinois is a program for free/discounted admission to cultural attractions in Illinois.

[railslibraries.info/services/museum-pass](https://railslibraries.info/services/museum-pass)

## E-Resources

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

[ereadillinois.com](http://ereadillinois.com)

Our partnership with BiblioBoard provides access to Popup Picks, Recovering the Classics, Open Educational Resources (OER), 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](http://railslibraries.info/services/biblioboard)

## Save Money

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

[railslibraries.info/deals](http://railslibraries.info/deals)

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

[railslibraries.info/membership/classifieds](http://railslibraries.info/membership/classifieds)

Everyone's  
favorite link!  
[railslibraries.info/jobs](http://railslibraries.info/jobs)

# 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](https://railslibraries.info)

Subscribe to the weekly *RAILS E-News* or our periodic e-newsletters for academic, school, or special libraries at [railslibraries.info/newsletters](https://railslibraries.info/newsletters)

Request a visit to your library by a RAILS staff member at [railslibraries.info/membership/visit-request](https://railslibraries.info/membership/visit-request)

Contact the RAILS Communications Team at [communications@railslibraries.info](mailto:communications@railslibraries.info)

Call our toll-free number: 866.940.4081.

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