

RAILS RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 11, 2018 | 9:30 a.m.

RAILS Burr Ridge, Videoconference Sites, and Conference Call
125 Tower Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527 | 630.734.5000

MINUTES

1. Welcome

Charm Ruhnke, Chair of the Resource Sharing Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m. at the RAILS Burr Ridge service center and welcomed all attendees.

2. Designation of Minute Taker

Margae Schmidt, RAILS Administrative Assistant, was designated minute taker.

3. Roll Call of Members

Burr Ridge: Jeanne Modelski, Michelle Roubal, Charm Ruhnke

Conference Call: Brian Chase (9:51 a.m.), Gwen Gregory, Ryan Livergood, Sia Paganis

Absent: Andy Allen, Christine Barr

4. Introductions of Guests; Announcements

Burr Ridge: Deirdre Brennan (*ex officio*), Mark Hatch (*ex officio*), Amanda Musacchio, Veronda Pitchford (*ex officio*), Jane Plass (*ex officio*), Margae Schmidt

Illinois State Library: Karen Egan, Gwen Harrison (11:00 a.m.)

IHLS: Leslie Bednar (*ex officio*), Cassandra Thomson (SHARE Director)

Conference Call: Kate Hall (*ex officio*)

There were no announcements.

5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

6. Adoption of the Agenda

Ms. Ruhnke moved, and Ms. Roubal seconded, that

THE RAILS RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE ADOPT THE JUNE 11, 2018 AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried.

7. Approval of Minutes of the February 26, 2018 Resource Sharing Committee Meeting

Ms. Gregory moved, and Mr. Chase seconded, that

THE RAILS RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 26, 2018 MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Terms of appointments

Ms. Plass noted that the list of committee members with terms of appointments was included in the meeting packet.

9. New Business

a. Definition of resource sharing

RAILS believes in a broader view of resource sharing, including sharing knowledge. Resource sharing is cost-effective and beneficial for libraries, patrons, and taxpayers.

b. Revised RAILS resource sharing plan

Ms. Pitchford informed the committee that the *Illinois Administrative Code* was updated in 2015. Changes in the code require changes in the RAILS resource sharing plan. RAILS will share a draft of the revised plan with the Resource Sharing Committee at the September meeting.

c. Data on benefits of resource sharing

Ms. Plass informed the committee that data on the benefits of resource sharing are scarce. Due to the lack of data, the International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC) has begun a project to develop models for calculating the return on investment for various services. RAILS will use FY2018 financial and statistical information to develop performance and value indicators for some core resource sharing services.

d. Barriers to resource sharing

Committee members discussed barriers to resource sharing. These included:

- School libraries
 - Not widely known what RAILS is/does
 - Lack of librarians in schools
 - Staffing time and needs
- Public libraries
 - Library board members do not know or understand what RAILS offers to libraries
 - Not enough staff to share resources as much as they would like
 - Lack of understanding of the Illinois State Library's role in libraries and resource sharing
 - Larger libraries tend to not look outside of their library for expertise because they have a large staff
- Special libraries
 - Corporate administration dictates staff time; resource sharing is not a priority
 - Students/other staff do not want to wait to receive materials
- Academic libraries
 - Multiple consortia are confusing to staff and patrons
 - Technology to support resource sharing
- General
 - Territorial issues in Illinois
 - Reluctance to share across different types of libraries

Ideas on how to reduce barriers to resource sharing include consistency of branding, intuitive and convenient systems, and eliminating interlibrary loan fees. Patrons and staff need to have the right mindset to make resource sharing more successful.

10. Topics in Resource Sharing

a. Unserved

i. Overview

Ms. Brennan pointed out that all of the white space on the RAILS resource sharing map represents unserved populations. Currently, 92% of Illinois residents live in a public library service area, but 8% do not. Cook County has the largest unserved population with approximately 100,000 people. Serving the unserved is not just a rural issue.

ii. Discussion and possible recommendations

One possible way to reach the unserved is through community college libraries across the state. Ms. Musacchio reported that community colleges in Illinois offer interlibrary loans to residents in their districts, but not all offer the same services. Ms. Pitchford mentioned that intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) also provide an opportunity for resource sharing to serve the unserved. Ms. Paganis suggested that school and academic librarians speak with their administrators about the importance of serving the unserved.

11. Reports

a. Resource Sharing Committee Chair

Ms. Ruhnke thanked RAILS staff and other committee members for their hard work in regards to resource sharing.

b. RAILS report

The written report was included in the packet. RAILS plans to open up Find More Illinois to more libraries in the fall.

c. RAILS resource sharing map, revised

The map is revised regularly as libraries join consortia and other changes occur.

12. Future Meetings

- a. September 10, 2018
- b. December 10, 2018
- c. March 11, 2019
- d. June 10, 2019

13. Adjournment

Ms. Ruhnke moved, and Ms. Roubal seconded, that

THE RAILS RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE BE ADJOURNED AT 11:23 A.M.

The motion carried.