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TO: RAILS Consortia Committee – LLSAP Sustainability Working Group
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SUBJECT: Delivery data revisited

For the Working Group's last meeting, as requested by group members, we presented data from FY2021 showing items that moved through RAILS delivery (as reported to the Illinois State Library in the RAILS Annual Report), and interlibrary loan transactions for each LLSAP (as reported to RAILS by the LLSAPs in the FY2023 LLSAP Support Grant applications). The working group requested clarification on these data points.

We are working on this and are always happy to provide data and information, but it is important to note that it is difficult to identify useful points of comparison and intersection between delivery counts, which RAILS estimates based on periodic fine counts done by member libraries, and LLSAP data, which are retrieved from multiple different ILS platforms operated by separate organizations. Therefore, before we conduct additional investigation and discussions internally to ensure that, as much as possible, we are applying common definitions and comparing the correct categories of data, we would like to understand more about the Working Group's wishes regarding this data. What type of information would help the group work toward fulfilling its charge? In what ways might delivery data impact the group's recommendations? We are looking forward to a discussion of these questions, which will help inform the work we do to provide the information you require.