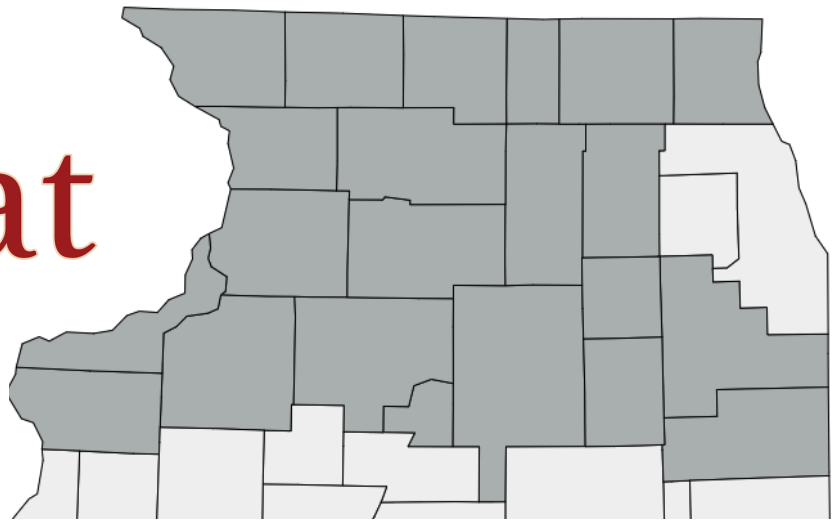




# PrairieCat



## Membership

**138 MEMBER LIBRARIES**

### By Library Type

- 2 academic libraries
- 104 public libraries
- 31 school agencies
- 1 special library

### By Membership Level

#### 83 Fully Participating

- 2 academic libraries
- 76 public libraries
- 5 school agencies

#### 20 Basic Online

- 17 public libraries
- 3 school agencies

#### 35 Union Listing (non-circulating)

- 11 public libraries
- 23 school agencies
- 1 special library

## Governance

PrairieCat is governed by two bodies. The Delegates Assembly includes a delegate from each circulating member and the four Union List representatives.

The Administrative Council is an 11-member board elected by the library delegates.

Twelve staff support the members, maintain the systems, and administer the organization.

## Access

5,129,702 items owned within the system  
 1,219,011 unique titles within the system  
 329,824 total patrons

## Resource Sharing

4,791,640 items circulated  
 652,101 interlibrary holds filled  
 546,338 reciprocal borrowing transactions between PrairieCat libraries

## Shared Technology

Members share an integrated library system, Sierra from Innovative, to provide automation for daily library operations including circulation, cataloging, reporting, and more.

End users have access to 5.1 million items through the shared catalog, Vega Discover from Innovative.

## Funding

PrairieCat is funded primarily through membership fees. The governing bodies annually review and vote on the organization budget and members fees.

PrairieCat also applies for an annual grant from RAILS to provide services and support to member libraries.