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WHAT WILL BECOMING A PRAIRIECAT MEMBER MEAN TO MY COMMUNITY?

COOPERATION

Users have access to more than 1 million titles and more than 5 million items via ILL among members.

ACCESS

Users have seamless access to the collection, 24/7 every day from any computer or mobile device.

DIVERSITY

Three levels of membership mean that you can deliver services according to your community's needs and your budget.

RESPONSIVENESS

PrairieCat has dedicated, full-time staff that work with member libraries every day to make sure that the system is functioning well, and library needs are met.

RELEVANCE

Our online catalog, Vega Discover, provides faceted searching, Did You Mean...? relevance ranking, and other tools to make finding items easier.

ENGAGEMENT

Engage with your peers from our service area of over 14,000 square miles. Join us as we formulate resource sharing policy across northern Illinois and share best practices for library service.





THREE LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP

FULLY PARTICIPATING: Your circulating library receives complete access to all features of our integrated library system.

BASIC ONLINE: Your circulating library receives core services and access to most features of the system.

UNION LIST: Your holdings appear in the catalog and you share your resources with other PrairieCat libraries. Your staff is able to place unlimited ILL requests for your users to borrow from other PrairieCat libraries.

PrairieCat uses Innovative Interfaces Sierra and Vega products.

MORE BENEFITS FOR FULLY PARTICIPATING AND BASIC ONLINE MEMBERS

- Renew materials online or over the phone.
- Check account status, items checked out, fines due, and update personal information online.
- Pay fines online via credit card.
- Place, suspend, or cancel holds online.
- Store a list of titles read and create bibliographies to make research and classwork easier.
- Receive hold and overdue notices via email, phone, or text message.
- Users can find their next great read and series order due to Syndetics Unbound.