



**Resource Sharing Committee
Minutes**

Wednesday, July 26th, 2022, 1:00-2:00 pm

In person the New Lenox Public Library District, 120 Veteran's Parkway, New Lenox, IL and online via Zoom

Please visit L2 for in person registration or go to:

<https://librarylearning.org/event/18835/register>

or online at:

<https://librarylearning.org/event/2023-07-26/prairiecat-resource-sharing-committee-meeting>

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public will be able to chat or speak during the virtual Zoom meeting during the public comment. Public comments may be submitted via email to Carolyn.Coulter@railslibraries.info at least two hours before the meeting.

1. Call to order, welcome and introductions
Present in New Lenox: Chelsey Knippel (PrairieCat), Carolyn Coulter (PrairieCat), Elizabeth Smith (PrairieCat), Beth Ryan (Chair-JO), Pennie Miller (PP), Kim Brozovich (RP), Magda Bonny (PrairieCat), Debbie Griggs (TC), Sondra Terry (MU)

Present via Zoom: Dana Fine (PR), Nicole Johnson (LP), Lynne Noffke (LI), John Slanicky (PrairieCat), Melissa Landis (PrairieCat),

Absent: Krystal Waugamon (PT)

Ryan (Chair-JO) called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

2. Introduction of Visitors and Public Comments
There were no visitor or public comments.
3. Review agenda for additions/changes
There were no revisions.
4. Approval, minutes from 1/25/2023

Motion #1: Brozovich (RP) moved and Miller (PP) seconded to approve the January 25, 2023 minutes as presented. There was no discussion on the motion. Motion carries by vocal affirmation.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Discussion:

5. Discussion, Resource Sharing possible topics for FY24
Ryan (JO) asked for suggestions on possibly Resource Sharing Summit topics. Smith (PrairieCat) suggested a topic around the general process of serving the

unserved and how different libraries fill in those gaps. We could include an education and information exchange for current programs that exist and the rules surrounding those. Miller (PP) agreed with the topic, stating she went over this with one of her staff members who was trying to help a person who lived in an unserved area. Coulter (PrairieCat) added that PrairieCat often has to deal with paper library districts, usually a patron who would like library services and cannot get it. There is quite a bit of information we could pass on around this topic but are there things we could discuss amongst each other. Miller said we could take it a step further and talk about backdoor referendum. Coulter asked if there is a question for the Summit or would this be educational. Ryan thinks an educational session with a discussion on what libraries can do legally. Noffke (LI) likes the topic because her library has a large unserved area in their school district. Her library is investigating annexation and going for a referendum again. Noffke suggested the question "How do we serve our community in all its forms?" Miller said she would love to see universal library services, however, for smaller libraries, how do you provide those services without additional financing to help. Maybe we discuss how libraries are conducting resource sharing in those instances. Also, can library boards develop their own programs and with different kinds of cards they offer to patrons, especially to the unserved. Fine (PR) added that her library is the biggest, fully participating PrairieCat member in her area. They are surrounded by stand alone libraries or union list libraries which can be a tricky dynamic to navigate. There are also different payment levels that certain libraries are making and there are correlations of services that we can and cannot provide. All of which can be difficult to understand and work with. Noffke said the message to taxpayers [for Limestone] will be important regarding the cards for kids expansion. The philosophy versus the payments will be interesting. There is also an issue with adults using the cards for kids to receive library service. Smith mentioned that all of this is really geared toward the Public Libraries. Miller suggested marketing the event to schools by saying if you're a school district in an underserved area, here's what's available in your area. Come and find out how to get information to your students and student families about getting a public library card.

Miller suggested starting with a survey to gauge the different levels of cards offered, if any, and the costs and services associated with each. Coulter asked about a date. Smith suggested March. Knippel (PrairieCat) stated March 5-8, 2024. Smith said we could add the dates to the survey to see which day of the week participants would prefer. PrairieCat will explore venue options. The Committee agreed to book Amanda Standerfer as the facilitator for the event.

6. Public comments

There were no public comments

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:41pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 12:00-1:00 pm, Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Club or online via Zoom