



**Resource Sharing Committee  
Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 31st, 2024, 1:00-2:00 pm**

**In person at North Suburban  
Library District, Loves Park,  
6340 N. Second Street,  
Loves Park, IL**

**Online via Zoom**

**Please visit L2 for in person registration or go to:**

**<https://librarylearning.org/event/18837/register>**

**or online at:**

**<https://prairiecat-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsdegrqzssH9zVGjtIDuqiDvqZW2qBlnSH#/registration>**

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 at North Suburban PL: Chelsey Knippel (PrairieCat), Elizabeth Smith (PrairieCat), Beth Ryan (Chair-JO), Kim Brozovich (RP), Magda Bonny (PrairieCat), Sondra Terry (MU), Krystal Waugamon (PT) Nicole Johnson (LP), Josh Hancock (LP)  
  
Present via Zoom: Carolyn Coulter (PrairieCat), Dana Fine (PR), Lynne Noffke (LI), John Slanicky (PrairieCat), Melissa Landis (PrairieCat), Amanda Standerfer (Fast Forward Libraries)  
  
Absent: Pennie Miller (PP), Debbie Griggs (TC)  
  
Ryan (Chair-JO) called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.
2. Introduction of Visitors and Public Comments  
Amanda Standerfer with Fast Forward Libraries introduced herself. There were no public comments.
3. Review agenda for additions/changes  
There were no revisions.
4. Approval, minutes from 7/26/2023

**Motion #1: Brozovich (RP) moved and Johnson (LP) seconded to approve the July 26, 2023 minutes as presented. There was no discussion on the motion. Motion carries by vocal affirmation.**

**Ayes: 7  
Nays: 0**

**Abstentions: 0****Discussion:**

5. Discussion, Resource Sharing Summit for 3/7/2024  
Coulter (PrairieCat) led the discussion about serving the unserved. Standerfer (Fast Forward Libraries) emphasized the need for a better understanding of this demographic through market research and facilitating conversations. Standerfer also highlighted the importance of brainstorming ideas on how to reach out to these individuals. Noffke (LI) shared her experiences, noting the challenge of reaching unserved communities, particularly those outside their tax base. She also emphasized the need to balance serving the unserved while maintaining equity for tax-paying patrons. The Committee discussed the topic of library outreach and the confusion surrounding who can receive a library card. Noffke talked about the changes in the school district by her library and how it has affected outreach efforts. The team also expressed confusion about the guidelines for serving and selling library cards, with Ryan (JO) suggesting they seek legal definitions from the State. The idea of inviting someone from Rails, who has experience with these issues, was proposed. The idea of inviting someone from the State Library was also raised. Standerfer expressed interest in gathering updated data from the State Library about this issue. The conversation highlighted the need for clarity on the current law and available options, as well as strategies for removing barriers to services such as program and computer use. Noffke suggested inviting a representative from the State Library to provide definitive legal guidance. The team also acknowledged the need to consider the perspectives of taxpayers and ensure that outreach efforts do not infringe upon their rights. The idea of hosting an "ask me anything" session with experts from the State Library was proposed as a potential solution.

The Committee talked about the challenges of managing library cards, particularly for non-residents. Noffke shared an unpleasant experience of having to send out letters to non-resident cardholders. The conversation then shifted to services for homeless patrons. Ryan suggested exploring what library services, if any, are provided for homeless individuals. The team also discussed how other libraries, such as Rock Island and North Chicago, provide services to homeless individuals. The importance of having a physical address and proof of residency was emphasized. The Committee agreed on the need for a panel discussion or a brainstorming table to address these issues. The idea of having breakout sessions or tables focused on different aspects of unserved populations, such as those in different geographical areas or those with different needs, was also proposed. The importance of understanding the level of community engagement and finding ways to involve more people in library services was highlighted. Smith (PrairieCat) suggested clarifying any statewide services that may be coming down the pipeline, such as the statewide database. Bonny (PrairieCat) brought up the influx of immigrants in the state. Coulter suggested asking the State Library where they are seeing the influxes of immigrants. We might need to gather information on what the challenges come with trying to serve immigrants.

Coulter will reach out to the State Library, RAILS and other potential speaker/table leads. Standerfer will put together a draft agenda for the summit. Coulter, Standerfer, Smith and Knippel will consider putting together a mini survey to gather more data from the membership.

6. Public comments  
There were no public comments.
7. Adjournment  
The meeting adjourned at 1:37 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 24th, 12:00-1:00 pm, Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Club or online via Zoom

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