



**PrairieCat Delegates Assembly  
Brief  
January 31, 2024**

Finance Committee Report – report from 12/21/23

- Finance Committee discussed the FY25 draft budget and the fee structure. The Committee had questions about why the Capital Reserves is not a separate budget on its own versus being included in the operating budget.

PrairieCat Membership Update, Training and Outreach report

- Putnam County Schools added their primary school and went live in January. Winnebago Public Library District joined PrairieCat as a fully participating member and went live on January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Upcoming member events: The Resource Sharing Summit on March 7, 2024 at the Dekalb Public Library. New Director Welcome on March 20, 2024 via Zoom. PUG Day 2024 will be a virtual event in September. A date will be announced soon. The next Delegates Assembly will be April 24, 2024.
- The PrairieCat eNewsletter provides updates, upcoming meetings, training tips and more related to PrairieCat. Be sure to subscribe.
- Talent LMS is PrairieCat's self-paced training platform. This is a great resource for our membership. On demand training is also available, just submit a help desk ticket to request this training.

**ACTION:** Approve eRead Illinois for consortium membership (3 year renewal)

- The Delegates voted to approve eRead Illinois membership for the consortium for 3 years.

Presentation: An overview on how PrairieCat fees are calculated (Coulter)

- Coulter gave a presentation explaining how PrairieCat fees are calculated.

Review, PrairieCat draft FY25 budget and fees

- Coulter reviewed the draft FY25 budget. A 5% increase was added to the Fully Participating cost and the Basic Online was also adjusted.

Discussion, book recycling process among libraries

- Many options were discussed:
  - The Mabley Center in Dixon, IL
  - Paper Retriever
  - Discover Books
  - Thrift Books

Presentations: North Suburban Library District locker program (Kristi Fane and Josh Hancock, NSLD)

- Fane (LP) and Hancock (LP) gave a presentation on North Suburban Library District's locker program.

Next regularly scheduled meeting, April 24, 2024, Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Club, LaSalle, IL and online via Zoom.