



**Resource Sharing Committee
Agenda
Wednesday, October 30th, 2024, 1:00-2:00 pm
In person at the New Lenox
Public Library, 120 veterans
Pkwy, New Lenox, IL**

Please register to attend in person or online via Zoom:

<https://support.prairiecat.info/events/prairiecat-resource-sharing-committee-meeting-2024-10-30>

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@Prairiecat.info at least two hours before the meeting.

1. Call to order, welcome and introductions.
2. Introduction of Visitors and Public Comments
3. Review agenda for additions/changes
4. Approval, minutes from 4/24/2024 (pp. 2-4)
5. Discussion, collaborative marketing
6. Discussion, FY25 Resource Sharing Summit
7. Public comments
8. Adjournment

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 12:00-1:00 pm, North Suburban Public Library, Loves Park or online via Zoom

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5. Approval, Meeting dates for FY25
Miller (PP) asked if it would make sense to set the start times of the meeting a little bit earlier. Coulter (PrairieCat) stated we would only need to keep the 1:00pm start time for the April meeting. After some deliberation the Committee agreed to move the start times of the July, October and January meetings to 12:30pm.

Motion #2: Miller (PP) moved and Terry (MU) seconded to approve the meeting dates for FY25 with the change of the start time to 12:30 for the July, October and January meetings. There was no discussion on the motion. Motion carries by vocal affirmation.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Discussion:

6. Review, Resource Sharing Summit
Coulter (PrairieCat) discussed the positive feedback received from the Resource Sharing Summit survey. The survey also asked about topic suggestions for future events. Some of those were OCLC/ILL guidelines, how to interpret PrairieCat's monthly report and practices/resource for patrons with mental health issues.
7. Discussion, providing holds to non-PrairieCat reciprocal borrowers.
Ryan (JO) stated that when Johnsbury was a stand-alone library, they allowed reciprocal borrowers to place holds. Why are we not allowed to have reciprocal borrowers place holds at our library. Coulter (PrairieCat) stated this is partially a systematic problem. Landis (PrairieCat) agreed discussion the complexities of allowing library patrons to place holds on specific items while maintaining access to their cards at other libraries. She highlighted the need for clear notes on patron records to avoid confusion and potential overlap of accounts, especially when patrons move between locations. Fine (PR) raised concerns about how these changes might affect digital resources, particularly ebook and eaudio restrictions by publishers. Ryan responded that Landis has her reciprocal borrowers set up so that they do not have access to their ematerials. Landis agreed saying she sets a patron type that automatically disallows ematerials.

Smith (PrairieCat) added that River Valley District Library is dealing with a similar situation. They identified a problem where patrons from Moore Memorial, a Union Listing Library, were attempting to place holds at River Valley. This cause confusion as the holds would be registered under River Valley's account, not Moore Memorial's. Landis and Slanicky (PrairieCat) said, in the River Valley situation, the recommendation is for Moore Memorial to upgrade its membership in PrairieCat to better meet the needs of its patrons which would resolve this issue.

Coulter suggested sending out a survey to gather more information about the concerns of libraries. She suggested that the results of this survey could be used to improve the system and the overall customer service experience. The Committee agreed to proceed with the survey, with plans to review and discuss the results in the next meeting. Fine emphasized the importance of involving standalone libraries in the dialogue and ensuring they were not unintentionally disadvantaged by any changes, if any changes are made.

8. Public comments
There were no public comments.
9. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 1:47 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 31, 2024, 1:00-2:00 pm, Moline Public Library or
online via Zoom

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