

Resource Sharing Committee Minutes January 29, 2025

The Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm in person at the North Suburban Public Library, Loves Park, 6340 North Second Street, Loves Park, IL. The meeting will also be available online via Zoom.

[Register to attend the meeting](https://support.prairiecat.info/events/prairiecat-resource-sharing-committee-meeting-2025-01-29) (https://support.prairiecat.info/events/prairiecat-resource-sharing-committee-meeting-2025-01-29)

1. Call to order, welcome and introductions

Present at North Suburban: Carolyn Coulter (PrairieCat), Chelsey Knippel (PrairieCat), Elizabeth Smith (PrairieCat), Beth Ryan (Chair-JO), Kim Brozovich (RP), Magda Bonny (PrairieCat), Sondra Terry (MU), Pennie Miller (PP), Nicole Johnson (LP), Shelby O'Hara (PrairieCat), Sandy Tedder (PrairieCat)

Present via Zoom: Dana Fine (PR), John Slanicky (PrairieCat), Melissa Landis (PrairieCat)

Absent: Lynne Noffke (LI), Debbie Griggs (TC)

Ryan (Chair-JO) called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2. Introduction of visitors and public comments

There were no visitors or public comments.

3. Review agenda for addition/changes

There were no revisions. Coulter added a discussion about Vega Showcases to the agenda.

4. Approval of minutes from 4/24/2024

Motion #1: Johnson (LP) moved and Brozovich (RP) seconded to approve the April 24, 2024, minutes as presented. There was no discussion on the motion. Motion carries by vocal affirmation.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Discussion:

5. Discussion, Resource Sharing Committee change from a board committee to a standing group
Coulter (PrairieCat) stated that there was a suggestion on from Johnson (LP) to move the Resource Sharing Committee from a board committee to a standing committee. Coulter has advised the Administrative Council of this suggestion and will be recommending they approve this change at the next meeting on Friday, February 7th. She will also recommend that it become a volunteer committee, so we do not have to have elections for seats. Making these changes will allow the Resource Sharing Committee to meet remotely and will no longer require an in-person quorum. The Committee agrees to the plan. Coulter will create a poll with dates and times for the quarterly meetings to take place.

6. Discussion, filling open seat on the committee
Coulter (PrairieCat) explained that there is an open seat on the Committee that needs filled. She will send an email to the membership asking for a volunteer after the February 7th Administrative Council if the changes above are approved.

7. Discussion, FY25 Resource Sharing Summit, possible topics
Coulter (PrairieCat) stated that the FY25 Resource Sharing Summit has been scheduled for April 11, 2025. It will be held at Dekalb Public Library with Amanda Standafer facilitating the event. We do need to discuss a topic. Johnson (LP) suggested something around Interlibrary Loans. Ryan (JO) suggested something around marketing. Miller (PP) stated she has questions with the ADA compliance with digital marketing. Coulter asked if she should look for a speaker who can

talk about cheap marketing tools for smaller libraries and then how to ensure they are ADA compliant. We could then do a breakout session for groups to share their marketing ideas and materials. Fine (PR) stated that her team makes posters/handouts/posts with Canva, they print it, add it to our newsletter and our website posts and adds it to our social media pages. So, it would be helpful to cover both digital and print marketing. Coulter will work to get a meeting scheduled with Amanda Standafer and Ryan (JO) to plan for the Summit.

8. Discussion, Vega Showcases

Coulter (PrairieCat) said that PrairieCat had built default showcases for libraries to put on their Vega homepages until libraries are able to customize their homepages on their own. One of the default showcases is “New Video This Week.” This week on the showcase older titles that appear questionable are showing on the homepages. Coulter believes we need some guidance or policy regarding what is shown on the showcases. These somewhat questionable titles would be readily available in the catalog, they just would not be displayed on the Vega homepages. Smith (PrairieCat) suggested removing the “New Video This Week” showcase all together and in a few months the user roles will be ready, and libraries can customize their homepages themselves. The Committee agrees to remove the showcase altogether. Smith said we will be sure to notify the membership when we make this change and let them know that soon, they will be able to customize their own sites.

9. Public comments

There were no public comments.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 30th, 2025, 12:00-1:00 pm, Mendota Civic Center, Mendota, IL or online via Zoom