

Resource Sharing Committee Minutes April 23, 2025

The Committee met on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 10:00 am – 11:00 am online via Zoom. [Register to attend the meeting](https://support.prairiecat.info/events/prairiecat-resource-sharing-committee-meeting-2025-04-23) (<https://support.prairiecat.info/events/prairiecat-resource-sharing-committee-meeting-2025-04-23>)

1. Call to order, welcome and introductions

Present via Zoom: Carolyn Coulter (PrairieCat), Chelsey Knippel (PrairieCat), Elizabeth Smith (PrairieCat), Beth Ryan (Chair-JO), Kim Brozovich (RP), Magda Bonny (PrairieCat), Nicole Johnson (LP), Shelby O'Hara (PrairieCat), Jennifer Christiansen (MX), Nathan Simmons (RP), Melissa Landis (PrairieCat), Dana Fanslow (KR), Debbie Griggs (TC), Lynette Heiden (BP), Dana Fine (PR), John Slanicky (PrairieCat)

Absent: Lynne Noffke (LI), Kathy Peschang (RD), Sondra Terry (MU), Pennie Miller (PP), Sandy Tedder (PrairieCat)

Ryan (Chair-JO) called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

2. Introduction of visitors and public comments

The new Committee members introduced. Dana Fanslow introduced herself as the Library Director at Nippersink Public Library District. Lynette Heiden introduced herself as the library Director at Charles B. Phillips Public Library. Jennifer Christiansen introduced herself as an employee at Moline Public Library. Nathan Simmons introduced himself as the Adult Services Librarian at Rock Island Public Library.

3. Review agenda for addition/changes

There were no revisions.

4. Approval of minutes from 1/29/2025

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

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Discussion:

5. Recap, FY25 Resource Sharing Summit

Smith (PrairieCat) reviewed the Resource Sharing Summit from April 11, 2025. The topic for this year's Summit was "Marketing Your Library in an Accessibly Way." The Summit was held at DeKalb Public Library, and we had about 47 attendees. The morning started with a few presenters discussing marketing strategies and marketing campaigns. Kristen from Fast Forward Libraries put on a mini marketing workshop for the attendees. In the afternoon, Renee Grassi discussed disability and accessibility in your library.

Smith stated there were 11 responses to the Resource Sharing Summit survey. The responses were positive with people enjoying the networking opportunity and the collaborative event. The Committee members who attended the Summit really enjoyed the marketing topic and all of the presenters. PrairieCat asked for ideas for future Summit topics and received a few suggestions: de-escalation techniques, management styles, circulation practices, filming in public spaces, in-depth strategies for information and awareness campaigns, library marketing, storytelling elements, social media and organization controls.

Coulter (PrairieCat) suggested that the topic of de-escalation might be a better topic for PUG Day. Ryan (JO) and Christiansen (MX) both recommend Justin Smaby who does free presentations on 1st Amendment audits.

6. Public comments

There were no public comments.



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7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 am.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025, 10:00-11:00 am, online via Zoom