



Circulation Committee Meeting April 28, 2026

PrairieCat:

Resource Sharing Summit

Patron Behavior Policy and Best Practices

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 10:00 am – 2:30pm

At DeKalb Public Library

Registration closes tomorrow (04/29)!

- Build a patron behavior policy
- Legal considerations (Attorney Anne M. Skrodzki)
- Panel shares their policies and experiences

PrairieCat:

Ask Me
Anything
with Carolyn
Coulter

Open House Question & Answer Session

Monday, May 11, 2026 10:00 am – 11:00 am

This is an informal virtual meeting via Zoom where you can discuss what's happening at PrairieCat, ask questions (about anything!), and share feedback

Quick Tip!

See estimated fines for overdue items:

The screenshot displays a library system interface. At the top, there is a patron profile section with fields for Name, Barcode, Expiration Date, Birth Date, Patron Type, Patron Code 4, Primary phone, and Email. Below this is a summary section with buttons for 'Due Slip: No Slip', 'Renew', 'Claim Returned', 'Mark Lost Items', 'Mark Damaged Items', and 'Change Due Date'. On the left, there is a sidebar with summary statistics: Check Out (0), Checked-Out Items (3), Holds (0), Fines (\$0.60), and Check In (0). The main area is titled 'Checked-Out Items' and contains a table with columns: All, #, Barcode, Call Num, Location, Title, and Due Date. The table lists three items with checkboxes in the 'All' column and item numbers 1, 2, and 3 in the '#' column. To the right of the table, there is a dropdown menu for 'Overdues and charges' which is open, showing options for 'All', 'Overdues and charges', and 'Recalls'. The 'Overdues and charges' option is selected, showing a total of \$2.20 and two 'OVERDUE' items.

All	#	Barcode	Call Num	Location	Title	Due Date	Stat
<input type="checkbox"/>	1						\$2.20
<input type="checkbox"/>	2						OVERDUE
<input type="checkbox"/>	3						OVERDUE

IPLAR Updates for 2026 (SARL Meetup)

Laura Keyes,
Illinois State
Library

IPLAR Updates

Thursday, May 7, 2026, 9:30 am – 10:30 am

**Available through Zoom and all Illinois library workers
are welcome to attend.**

I've attended several of Laura's sessions and she provides a lot of good information and allows plenty of time for questions and answers.

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IPLAR

Open Office
Hours (Q&A)
Are Back!

**Need help compiling your library's circulation statistics
for the IPLAR?**

These are open Q&A sessions, just drop in and ask questions!

[Friday, May 15, 2026, 10:00 am – 11:00 am](#)

[Monday, June 15, 2026, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm](#)

[Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 10:00 am – 11:00 am](#)

[Tuesday, August 11, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm](#)

Available through Zoom

Forums are available!

- At the Prairiecat support site
- Go to Members → Member Forums
- Great resource for any questions you have



RAILS Online Roundtable:

Anatomy of a Public Library Dashboard

**Learn about library demographics with
RAILS Data Analyst intern, Yolanda Everson**

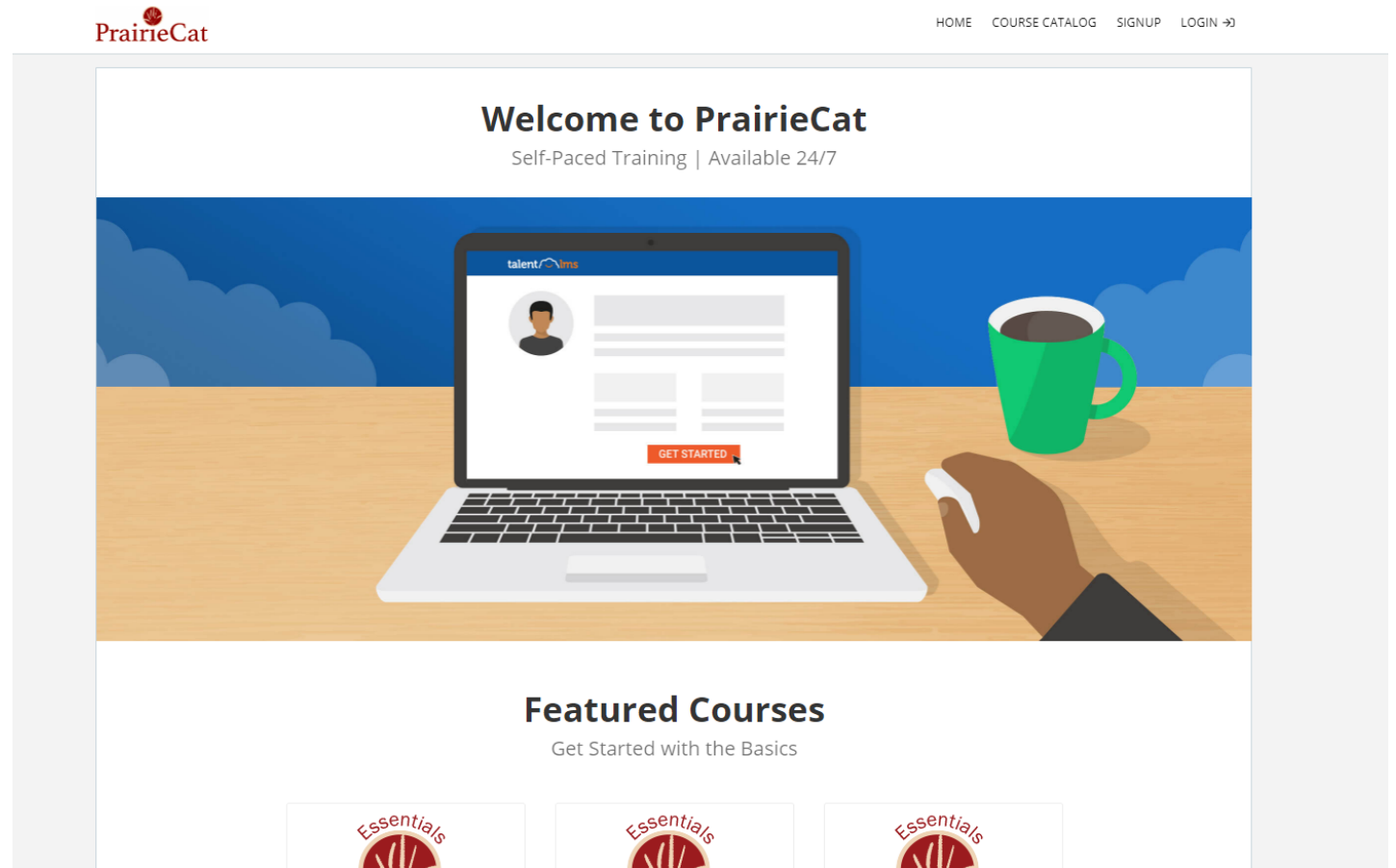
Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Learn about this dashboard that provides interactive
library profiles for all RAILS member libraries

Training TalentLMS

- Holds
- Searching
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- Reports – Decision Center and Create Lists
- IPLAR Statistics
- ILL Module Overview
- Technical Services – Acquisitions, Cataloging: Item Entry, and Serials

- Start with the Welcome section and the Pathways—they list the courses you need to take



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