



Back to School Session
PrairieCat Update
August 26, 2026

Welcome and Introductions

Please introduce yourself

- ☐ Your name
- ☐ Your school library's name
- ☐ Is your library a Union List or Circulating member of PrairieCat?
- ☐ How long have you been working at the school library?

Agenda

2:00 – 2:30 PM | PrairieCat Updates | Liz

2:30 – 3:00 PM | Library Services Updates | Melissa and John

3:00 – 3:30 PM | RAILS Services for School Libraries | Jessica

Session Slides and Resources on the event detail page:

<https://support.prairiecat.info/events/prairiecat-back-school-session-2026-08-26>

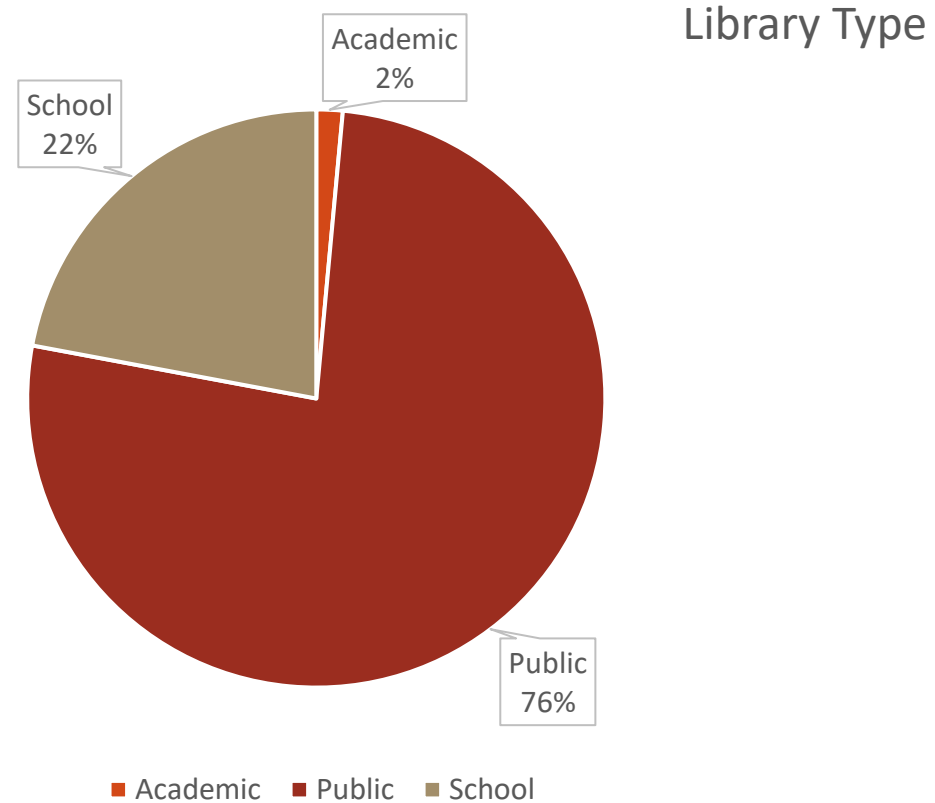
136 MEMBER LIBRARIES

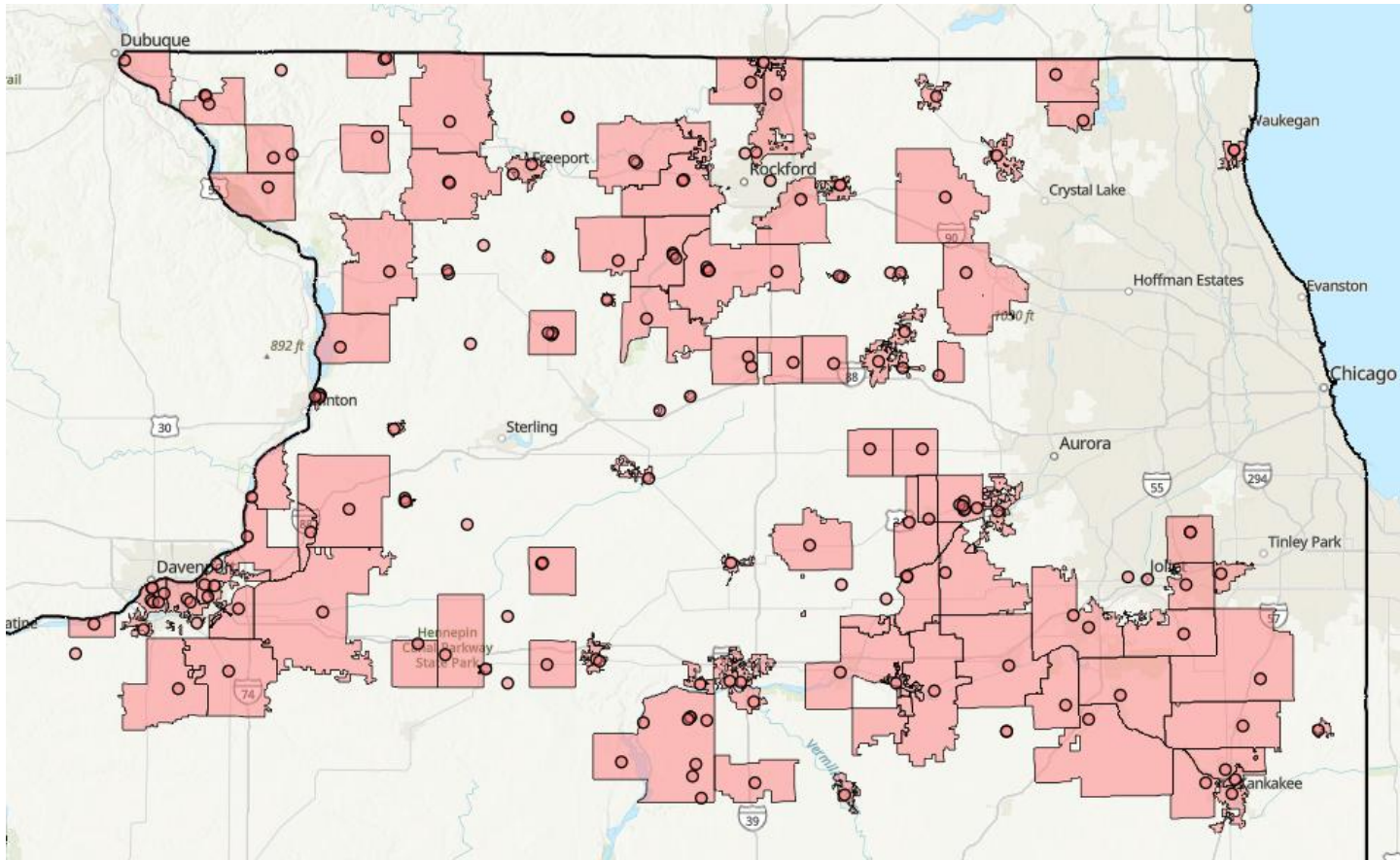
By Library Type

- 104 public libraries
- 30 school agencies
- 2 academic libraries

By Membership

- 8 Circulating Schools
- 22 Union Listing Schools





Resource Sharing

[RAILS interactive resource sharing map](#)

Upcoming Events

PrairieCat Events

Tues, Sept 8, 2026 10 to 11 am | **New Directors Welcome** | [Zoom](#)

Thurs, Sept 24, 2026 | **PUG Day** | [Zoom](#)

Fri, Sept 25, 2026 | **PUG Day** | [Zoom](#)

RAILS Events

Thurs, Sept 3, 2026 | **Navigating the School District Library Grant Application** | [Zoom](#)

Wed, Sep 9, 2026 | **RAILS Member Update** | [Zoom](#)

Mon, Sep 21, 2026 | **School District Library Grant Office Hours** | [Zoom](#)

Statewide Events

Wed, Sep 16, 2026 | **Illinois School Library Workers Symposium** | [Zoom](#)

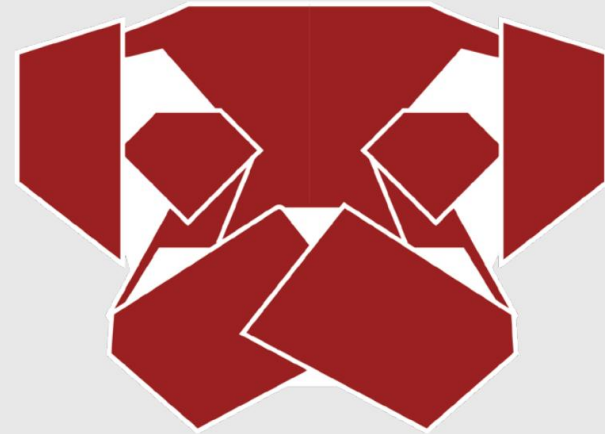
Nov 12-14, 2026 | [AISLE Conference](#) | Lombard, IL

PUG DAY

PrairieCat Users Group Day

Virtual Conference

September 24 & 25, 2026



PrairieCat Users Group Day (PUG Day) is an annual event dedicated to professional development, networking, and continuing education for member library staff. PUG Day will alternate each year from in person to virtual.

PUG Day 2026 Virtual

Date: Thursday, September 24 and Friday, September 25, 2026

Where: Virtual via Zoom Sessions

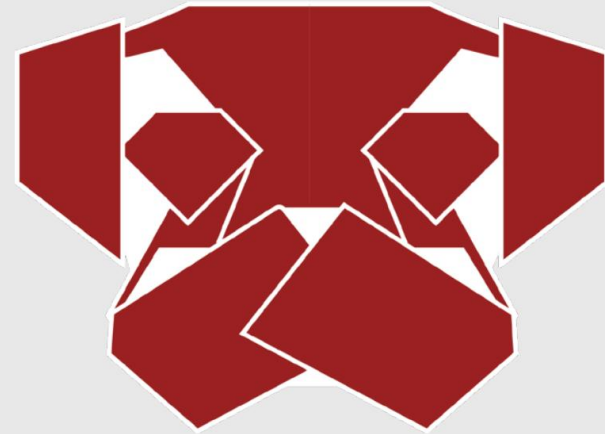
Program details and registration links available on the [PUG Day site.](#)

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September 24 & 25, 2026



Keep Cool Under Pressure

Thursday, September 24 | 11:30 AM-12:45 PM | 75 min

This engaging and interactive session explores practical strategies for staying calm, thinking clearly, and responding with confidence when faced with challenging situations.

AI, eBooks, eAudio, and Libraries

Thursday, September 24 | 1:00-1:50 PM | 50 min

As artificial intelligence grows in reach and popularity, greater amounts of computer-generated content will flow into our book and audio markets (and, at some point, our DVD market, too). What to know about AI-created content, how to spot it on purchasing platforms, how to talk to patrons about it, and some ideas for library policies about it will be covered.

Delegates Assembly

Upcoming Delegates Assembly

- ❑ October 28, 2026 – Multiple Sites
- ❑ January 27, 2027 – Multiple Sites
- ❑ April 28, 2027 – One location / Luncheon

Circulating Libraries and 4 Union List Reps

Attendance is required for Fully Participating and Basic Online members. If a member library or Union List Delegate is not represented by their Delegate or Alternate at **two** scheduled Delegates Assembly meetings, a fine in the amount of \$150 will be assessed to that member library

PrairieCat must meet quorum among the in-person meeting locations around the PrairieCat service area.

Compliance Reminder

Responsibilities of All Member Libraries

- Complying with PrairieCat policies and procedures as detailed in the IGA, Bylaws, General Policy Manual, Circulation Policies and Procedures Manual, and Technical Services Policies and Procedures Manual
- Twice a year, Administrative Council reviews member compliance report regarding:
- OCLC membership**
- Adding items to PrairieCat**
- Lending materials on PrairieCat**
- Item Entry Certification**
- Delegates Assembly attendance (circulating libraries)**

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First Name *

Last Name *

Library Affiliation

Position

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Call for Volunteers | Member Sharing

Delegates Assembly

- ☐ 10-15 minute presentation
- ☐ Topics could include special projects, challenges, or initiatives at your library
- ☐ Contact PrairieCat to volunteer

PrairieCat eNewsletter

- ☐ Member Spotlight
- ☐ Short profile about your library



Help Desk



PrairieCat staff are available to assist employees of member libraries.

Phone: (877) 542-7257

[Contact Help Desk](#)

News

PrairieCat Closed Sept 2

PrairieCat will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2nd in observance of Labor Day. No phone or

Calendar

Canceled: PrairieCat Administrative Council Meeting

Fri, Sep 6 2024, 10:30am - 12pm

Members

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PrairieCat Website

[SUPPORT.PRAIRIECAT.INFO](https://support.prairiecat.info)

Member Forums Available

- ❑ Peer-to-peer discussions
- ❑ Library related topics
- ❑ Log in to view and post
- ❑ Can subscribe to topics
- ❑ Please share with staff

support.prairiecat.info/members/forums

Members

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► Member Forums

Member Forums

Forums are a place where PrairieCat members can discuss topics of interest within our consortium community. We encourage you to create forum topics for discussions and information sharing. Share your expertise and ask your fellow PrairieCat members for advice.

Forums are intended for peer-to-peer discussions around library service and PrairieCat related topics. Members must be logged in to view and post comments. Receive email notifications by clicking the Subscribe slider at the top of each forum page. Subscribe to a main forum category to be emailed when a new sub-topic is created. Subscribe to specific sub-topics to be notified of new comments.

To create a forum topic, select the appropriate category and select **Add a Forum Topic**.

Review the [Forum Policy](#) before participating.

Search

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Forum	Topics	Comments	Latest
Adult Programming and Services A forum to discussion adult programming and services.	0	0	
Cataloging and Technical Services A forum for cataloging and technical services topics.	0	0	
Children's Programming and Services A forum to discuss all things related to children's programming - tips, recommendations, any issues, etc.	0	0	

PrairieCat Help Desk

When to Call | Critical issue | 877.542.7257

Addressed during business hours and after hours on-call support

- ☐ A service is down (Sierra, Ecommerce, Vega Discover etc.)
- ☐ Circulation is impacted
- ☐ Unable to perform key job functions

When to Open a Ticket | Standard issue | Submit a help desk ticket

Addressed during business hours

- ☐ Questions and troubleshooting
- ☐ Report issue
- ☐ System changes (for example, IP address changes)
- ☐ Integrating new services
- ☐ Report request

support.prairiecat.info/help

Ticket Portal

- Submit and Track tickets here
 - Can also submit tickets through the Forms page on the support site
 - Access this by going to the direct website or the Support Site and selecting Help Desk



Support Center Home



Open a New Ticket



Check Ticket Status

Welcome to the Support Center

In order to streamline support requests and better serve you, we utilize a support ticket system. Every support request is assigned a unique ticket number which you can use to track the progress and responses online. For your reference we provide complete archives and history of all your support requests. A valid email address is required to submit a ticket.

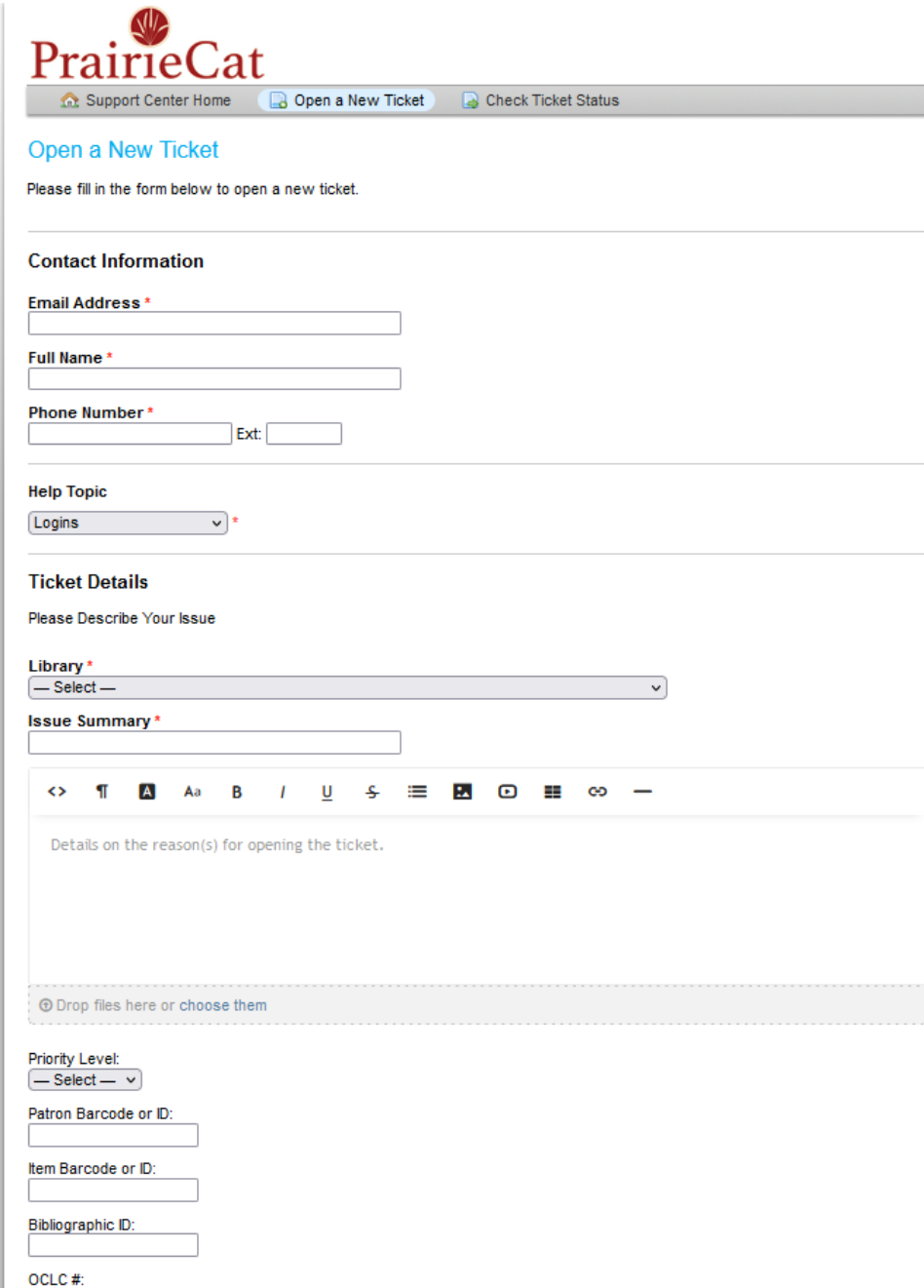
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Check Ticket Status

helpdesk.prairiecat.info

Submitting a Ticket

- Submit your details
 - Including Phone number
- Choose your Help Topic
 - Associated Team will be notified
- Select your Library
 - Start typing the Library name to pull it up
- Fill out your issue
 - Please include as much detail as possible including examples, record numbers, patron barcode etc.



The screenshot shows the 'Open a New Ticket' page on the PrairieCat website. At the top is the PrairieCat logo and a navigation bar with links for 'Support Center Home', 'Open a New Ticket', and 'Check Ticket Status'. The main heading is 'Open a New Ticket' in blue, followed by the instruction 'Please fill in the form below to open a new ticket.' The form is divided into several sections: 'Contact Information' with fields for 'Email Address *', 'Full Name *', and 'Phone Number *' (with an 'Ext:' field); 'Help Topic' with a dropdown menu showing 'Logins'; 'Ticket Details' with a 'Library *' dropdown (showing '— Select —') and an 'Issue Summary *' text area. Below the text area is a rich text editor toolbar and a large text box for details. At the bottom is a file upload area with the text 'Drop files here or choose them'. The form also includes fields for 'Priority Level' (dropdown), 'Patron Barcode or ID:', 'Item Barcode or ID:', 'Bibliographic ID:', and 'OCLC #:'.

PrairieCat

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Open a New Ticket

Please fill in the form below to open a new ticket.

Contact Information

Email Address *

Full Name *

Phone Number *

 Ext:

Help Topic

Logins

Ticket Details

Please Describe Your Issue

Library *

— Select —

Issue Summary *

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Details on the reason(s) for opening the ticket.

Drop files here or [choose them](#)

Priority Level:

— Select —

Patron Barcode or ID:

Item Barcode or ID:

Bibliographic ID:

OCLC #:



Support Center Home



Open a New Ticket



Check Ticket Status



Support ticket request created

Elizabeth Smith,

Thank you for contacting us.

A support ticket request has been created and a representative will be getting back to you shortly if necessary.

Support Team

Support Ticket Opened [#594503]



PrairieCat Support <help@prairiecat.info>
To Elizabeth Smith

Hello Elizabeth,

A request for support has been created and assigned #594503 - Test - Disregard. A representative will follow-up with you as soon as possible. You can [view this ticket's progress online](#).



If you wish to provide additional comments or information regarding the issue, please reply to this email or [view your ticket's progress online](#).

Email Confirmation with Ticket Number

RESPOND DIRECTLY IN EMAIL

Re: Test - Disregard [#594503]

 PrairieCat Support <help@prairiecat.info>
To: Elizabeth Smith

Hello Elizabeth,

This ticket will be closed, please only respond if you need further assistance with this issue.

Thank You

Elizabeth Smith
Training and Outreach Coordinator
PrairieCat
Phone: 877.542.7257 x6019
elizabeth.smith@prairiecat.org
<https://support.prairiecat.info>



We hope this response has sufficiently answered your questions. If not, please do not send another email. Instead, reply to this email or [view your ticket](#)

RESPOND VIA TICKET THREAD IN HELP DESK



Support Center HomeOpen a New TicketView Ticket Thread

Test - Disregard #594503

Basic Ticket Information

Ticket Status:

Closed

Department:

Vega Discovery

Create Date:

9/8/23 10:52 AM

User Information

Name:

Elizabeth Smith

Email:

elizabeth.smith@prairiecat.org

Phone:

Ticket Details

Library:

Alleman High School

Elizabeth Smith posted 9/8/23 10:52 AM

Test Ticket Details Summary

Created by Elizabeth Smith 9/8/23 10:52 AM

Closed by Elizabeth Smith with status of Closed 9/8/23 11:03 AM

Elizabeth Smith posted 9/8/23 11:04 AM

Test - reopen ticket

Reopened by elizabeth.smith@prairiecat.org 9/8/23 11:04 AM

Elizabeth Smith posted 9/8/23 11:06 AM

Responding to ticket from help desk.

Elizabeth Smith posted 9/8/23 11:08 AM

This ticket will be closed, please only respond if you need further assistance with this issue.

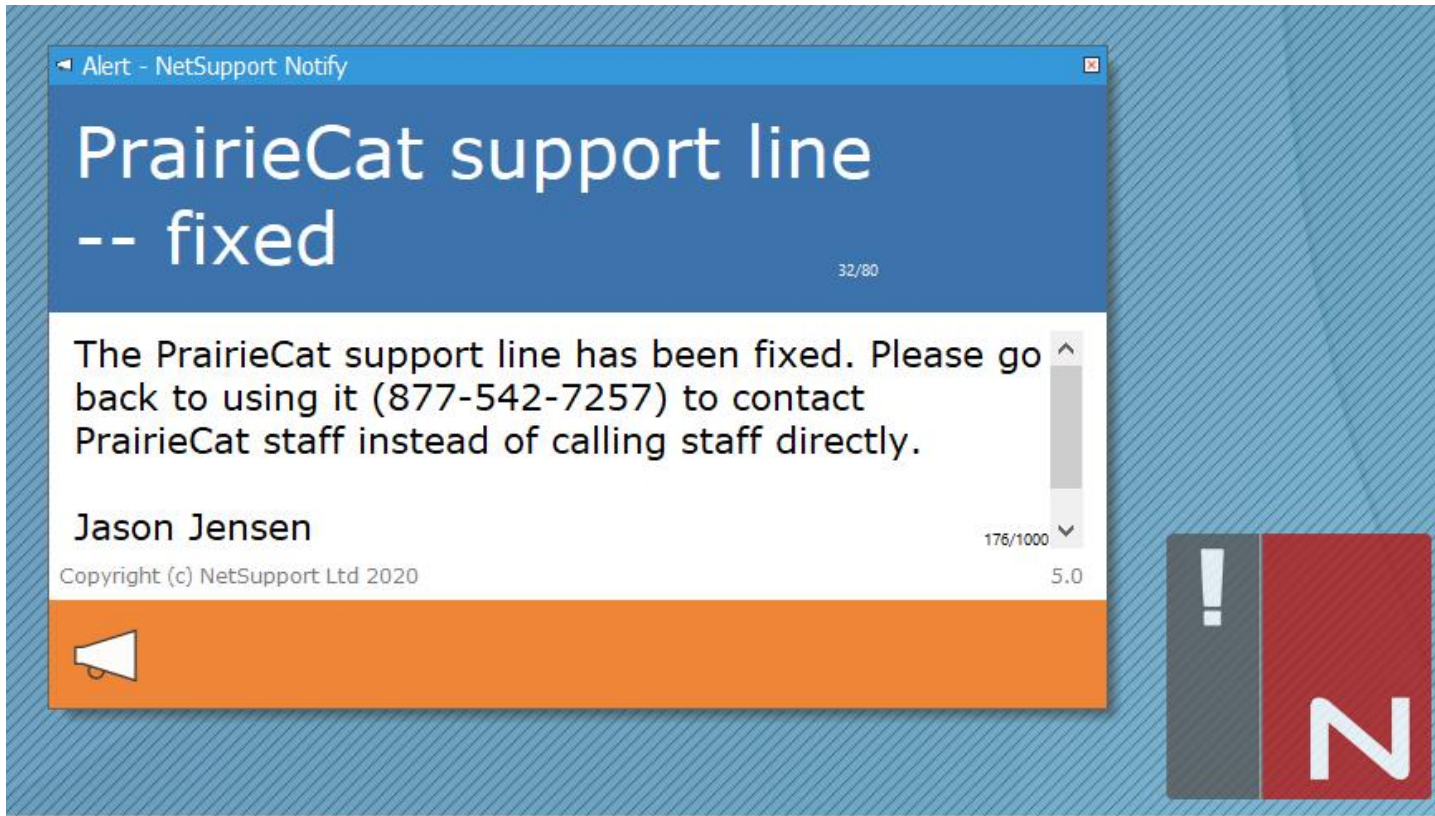
Closed by Elizabeth Smith with status of Closed 9/8/23 11:08 AM

Net Support Notify

Verify that NSN is installed on all workstations at your library.

The installation instructions and download for NSN are available under Software Downloads.

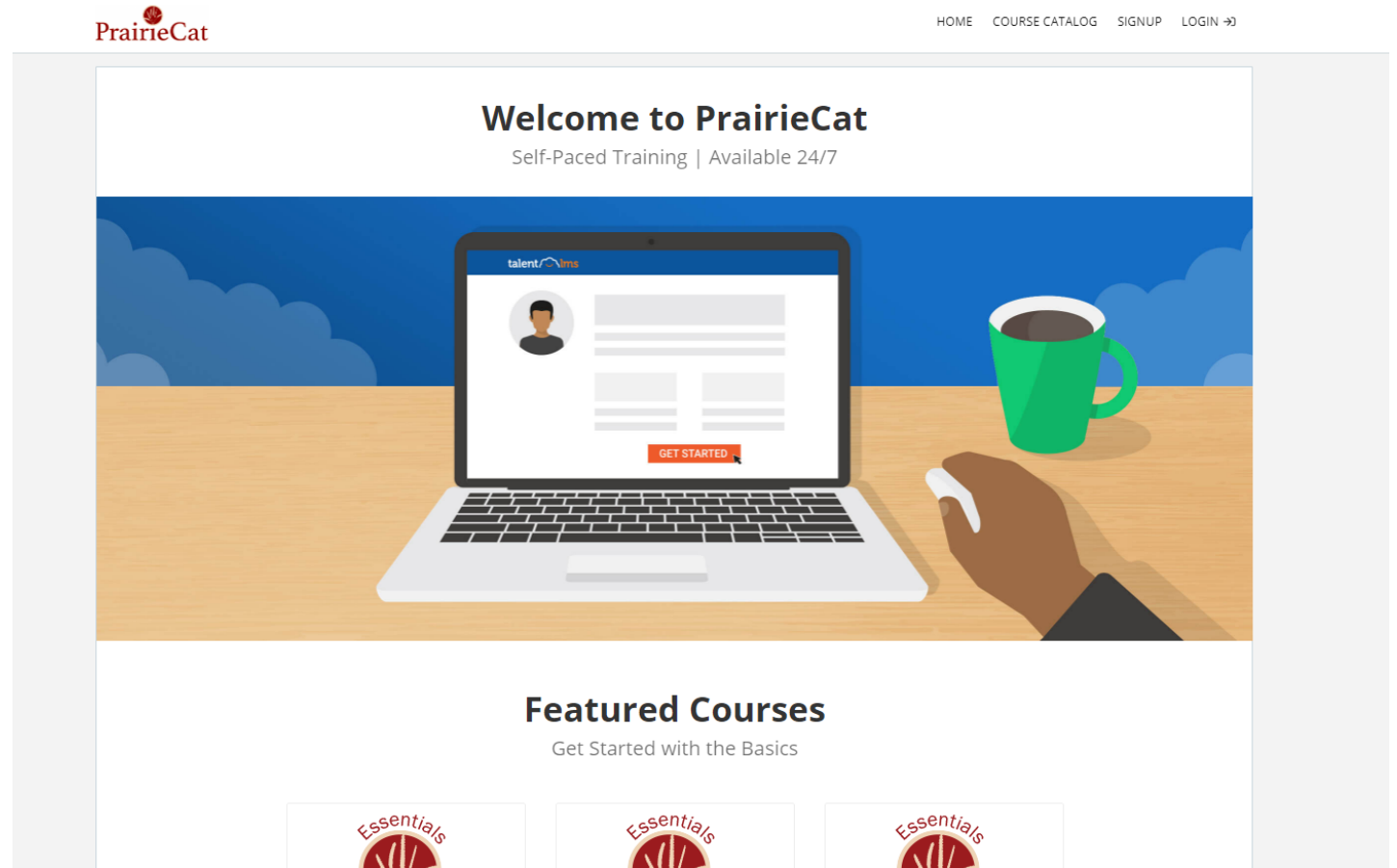
If you have questions about the instructions or installation, please submit a Help Desk ticket specifying Net Support Notify as the Topic.



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- Item Entry Certification
- Review details: <https://support.prairiecat.info/item-entry-certification>



Technical Services / Sierra Cataloging: Item Entry

PrairieCat Matching (TS001)

Welcome! This is the first course in a series of 7 courses required to become Item Entry Certified. Upon successful completion of the Item Entry Series and a signed Sierra Tech Login Approval form from your supervisor (course TS006), you...



Technical Services / Sierra Cataloging: Item Entry

Item Entry - Basics (TS002)

This course is designed to show the basics of the cataloging function in Sierra and the different types of records you'll be encountering while doing item entry work. Video approximately 9 min. It is recommended to download/review...



Technical Services / Sierra Cataloging: Item Entry

Item Entry - Anatomy of Item Record (TS003)

This course is designed to show the anatomy of an item record with explanations of each field within. Video approximately 15 min. It is recommended to download/review associated files/documents prior to watching video. This course is...



Technical Services / Sierra Cataloging: Item Entry

Item Entry - Call Number Standardization (TS004)

This course is designed to provide the background of the standardization of the item record's call number. Video approximately 6 min. It is recommended to download/review associated files/documents prior to watching video. This course is...



Technical Services / Sierra Cataloging: Item Entry

Item Entry - Volume Records (TS005)

Quick Start Guide

Creating an L2 Account

Who can have an L2 account?

Any Illinois library staff member or library trustee.

How do I sign up?

1. Visit librarylearning.org
2. Click **Login** → **Create an Account**
3. Fill out your information
4. Add your library affiliation
5. Verify your email address

it's easy!



Need help?

Visit the **L2 Help** section of the website

Why should I have an L2 account?



Register for webinars, workshops, networking events, and more



Find colleagues at other libraries

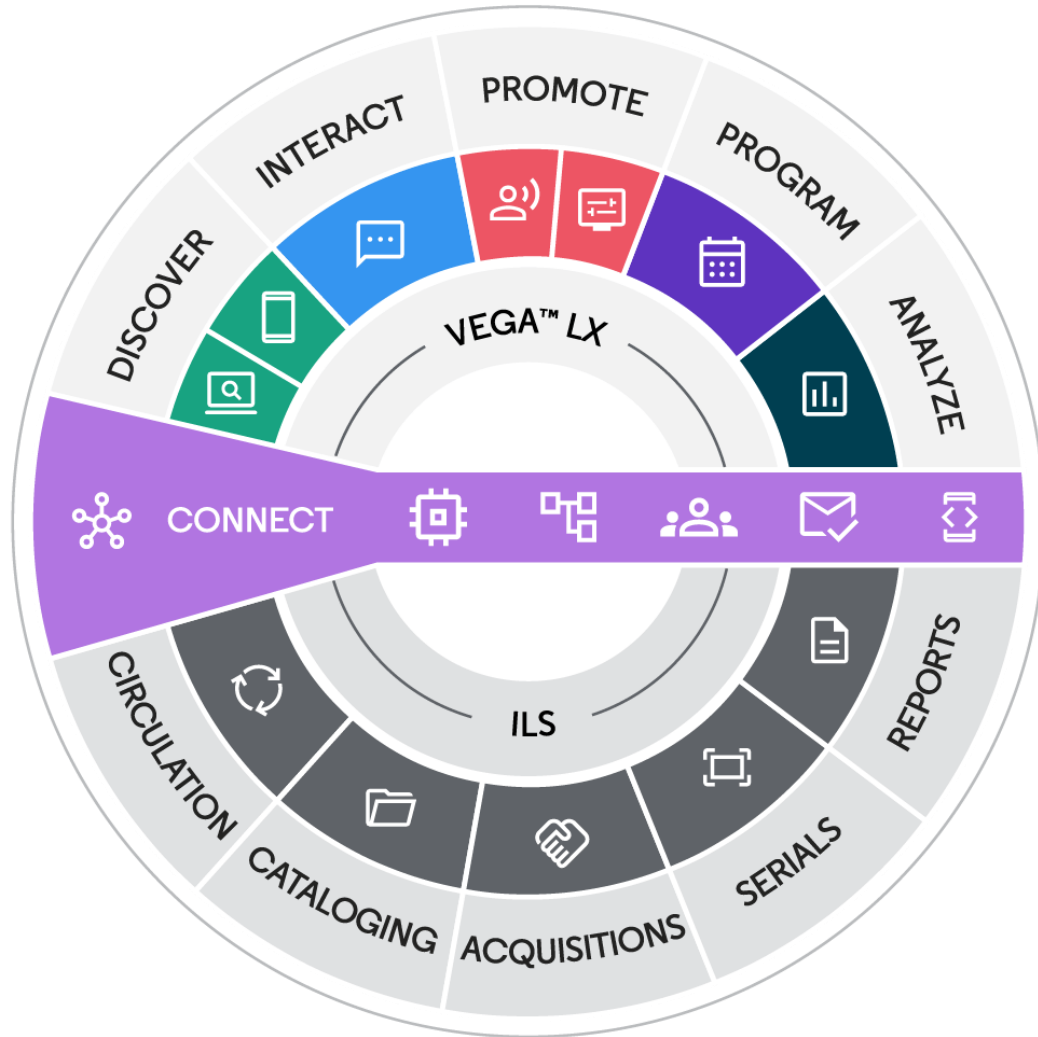


View library delivery information, contacts, websites, and more



Get access to exclusive parts of the RAILS website

L2 | Library Directory and Learning Calendar



Vega Discover

Important Resources

[Vega Discover Page on PrairieCat Support Site](#)

[PrairieCat Support – Help Desk](#)

[Vega Admin Documentation on Showcases](#)

[Vega Product Portal and Roadmap](#)

[Clarivate Knowledge Portal | Vega Discover](#)

Training | Vega Discover Courses

Available Now on TalentLMS

- Vega Discover Basics
- Vega Discover Showcases
- Vega Discover Site Admin
- User Roles and Homepage Builder
- New: Vega Reports

The screenshot displays the 'Course catalog' page. At the top, there's a blue header with 'Home / Course catalog'. Below this is a search bar labeled 'Search courses' and buttons for 'Name', a list view icon, and a grid view icon. On the right, a 'CATEGORIES' section with a 'reset' link lists various categories: A. Welcome (7), B. Sierra Essentials (9), C. Vega Discover (4) (which is selected), Circulation / Custom... (9), Reports (9), Sierra ILL Module (1), Technical Services (13), and Z. Resources (5). The main content area lists four courses, each with a circular icon, a title, a description, and a 'You have this course' button. The courses are: 1. 'Vega Discover Basics' (V/D001) with a description about basic searching and holds. 2. 'Vega Discover Showcases' (V/D101) with a description about visual carousels. 3. 'Vega Discover Site Admin' (V/D201) with a description about customization options. 4. 'User Roles and Homepage Builder' (V/D202) with a description about customizing collection and kiosk homepages.

Home / Course catalog

Search courses

Name [List View] [Grid View]

CATEGORIES [reset](#)

- ☐ A. Welcome (7)
- ☐ B. Sierra Essentials (9)
- ☒ C. Vega Discover (4)
- ☐ Circulation / Custom... (9)
- ☐ Reports (9)
- ☐ Sierra ILL Module (1)
- ☐ Technical Services (13)
- ☐ Z. Resources (5)

Vega Discover Basics (V/D001)

C. Vega Discover

This course is an introduction to Vega Discover, PrairieCat's new OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog). Topics include basic searching, placing holds, my account, saving lists and other patron empowerment features. Membership Level: Union...

You have this course

Vega Discover Showcases (V/D101)

C. Vega Discover / Showcases

Course Description: Showcases display a visual carousel of items to the library's specifications helping libraries promote their materials and encouraging virtual exploration. - Showcases can be used to customize your library's Vega...

You have this course

Vega Discover Site Admin (V/D201)

C. Vega Discover / User Roles and Homepage Builder

Site Admins have additional customization options for their library's Vega Discover site(s). Site Admins can also create and/or promote staff users on Vega Discover. It is only necessary to take this course if you will become the Site Admin...

You have this course

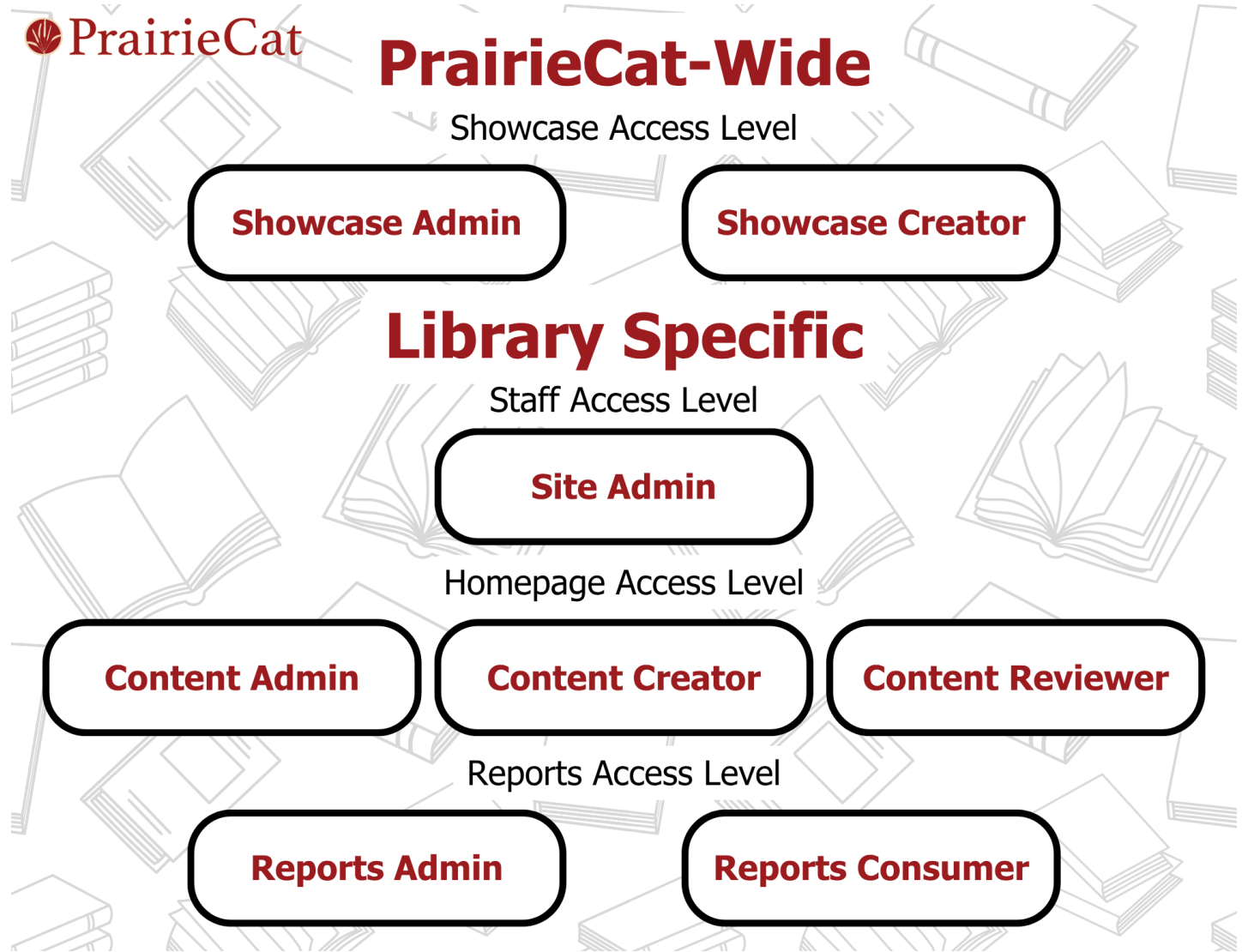
User Roles and Homepage Builder (V/D202)

C. Vega Discover / User Roles and Homepage Builder

To customize your library's Vega Discover collection and kiosk homepages, you must be assigned a specific User Role access level. At least 1 Site Admin is required for libraries who wish to utilize the Homepage Builder feature. Content Admin...

You have this course

Vega Discover User Roles





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All 

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What's Happening at Reddick? April 25th-May 3rd

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Apr

Silent Book Club

Introverts unite! Bring whatever book you are reading and enjoy some quiet time with others. There will be snacks! This event is for teens in Grades 7-12.

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM | April 29 •

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Apr

Kid's Book Club

This month we will be discussing *Books Aren't for Eating* by Carlie Sorosiak. We will also create edible mini-books! This program is for children in Grades K-2.

4:00 PM - 4:45 PM | April 30 •

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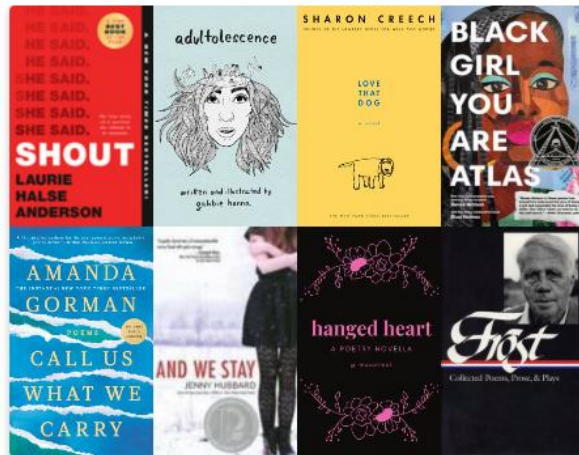
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Manga Club

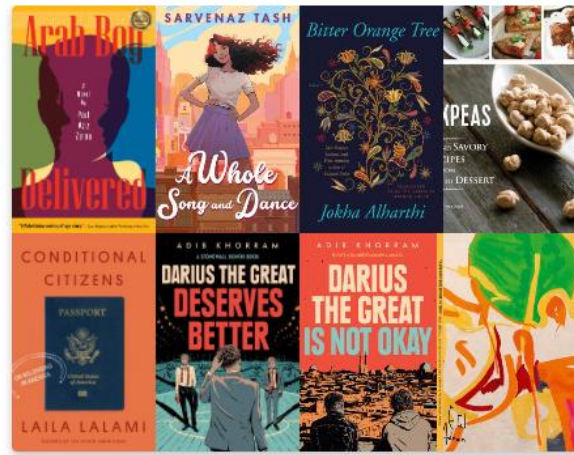
Hey manga and anime fans! This month, we're talking *Madoka Magica*. This event is for teens in Grades 7-12.

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM | May 3 •

April 2025



National Poetry Month



Arab American Heritage Month



Earth Day



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Library Website



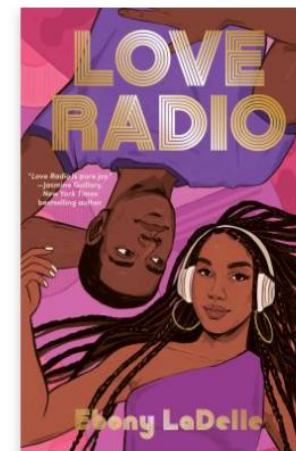
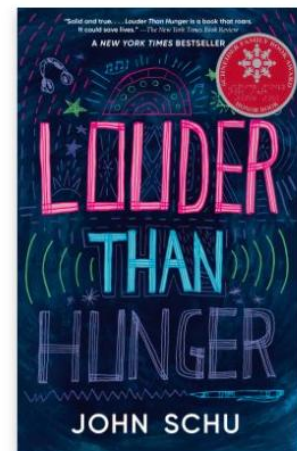
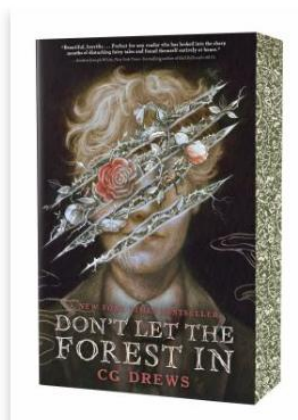
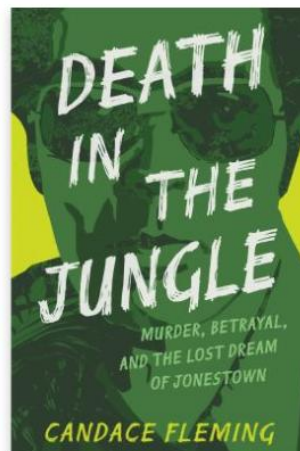
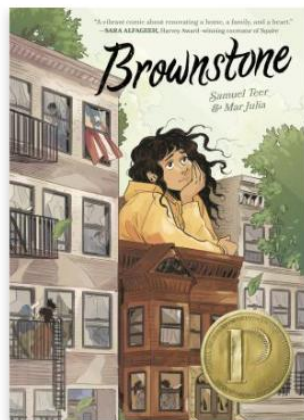
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Take a tour!

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PUG Day Session

Vega Discover Homepage Builder Customizations

Friday, September 25 | 10:00-10:50 AM | 50 min (recorded)

Join two PrairieCat libraries that have customized their Vega Discover catalog homepages and PrairieCat User Experience Specialist Shelby O'Hara in a conversation about how to decide which options and customizations available to Content Admins and Site Admins are best for your library. Part case-study, part demonstration. It's recommended to have some knowledge of the Vega Discover Homepage Builder but not necessary.

[Zoom Registration Link](#)

Product Roadmaps

Product Portal

Vega Product Portal

Search for features or ideas...

DISCOVER INTERACT LX STARTER MOBILE MOBILE WORKLISTS PROGRAM PROMOTE WEBBUILDER

Available for Early Access Testing

- EARLY ACCESS: Synthetics Unbound Scoping for Sites** (4 ideas)
You May Also Like: 
- Vega Discover Preview Environment Access** (0 ideas)


NOW IN PROGRESS

- Hoopla Bing Pass Support** (0 ideas)

- Support WorldCat Integration for ILL** (62 ideas)

- Vega Discover Accessibility Updates & VPAT 2026** (0 ideas)
Product statements and reports
Results for "vega"
Products: Vega Discover
Accessibility Statements: Vega Discover Accessibility Statement
Conformance Reports: Vega Discover Conformance Report
Roadmap: Vega Discover Roadmap
- Account Linking Sync with Polaris** (2 ideas)

- Account Linking: Checkout eContent to Linked Accounts** (1 idea)
- Hoopla Flex Support** (1 idea)



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Holds

2 books on hold

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Checkouts

4 books checked out

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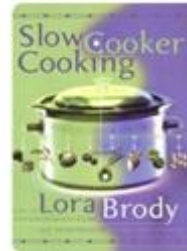
Your Next Read



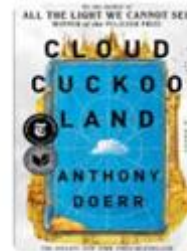
Frontier Family
Maria Wilkes



Lean Italian Cooking
Anne Casale



Slow Cooker Cooking
Lora Brody



Cloud Cuckoo Land
Anthony Doerr



The Three Musketeers
Alexandre Dumas

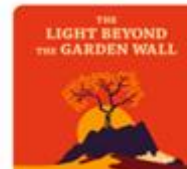


Northanger Abbey
Jane Austen



My Story
Rosa Parks

Recently released



Attention Circulating Schools

We cannot set any Expiration Date past 01/18/2038. Normally the Expiration Date is a date in June of the year of graduation, which is reflected in the Patron Code 3 value. This date restriction is not limited to just Innovative products. As a workaround, we are suggesting the following dates to keep these graduating classes together.

Class of 2037 – Expiration Date 6/15/2037

Class of 2038 – Expiration Date 6/30/2037

Class of 2039 – Expiration Date TBD

Circulation Services

Please open a Help Desk ticket if you need changes made to the circulation configuration in Sierra for your library. Examples of changes PrairieCat staff make regularly are:

- ☐ Loan rules and fine rate changes.
- ☐ Adjusting limits by format.
- ☐ Customizing date due slips, receipts or hold pickup wrappers.
- ☐ Adding self-checkout workstations.
- ☐ Adding days closed for holidays or special closings.
- ☐ Special projects such as remodeling or moving to a new building.
- ☐ Loan Rule Review – Not sure how your library's loan rules are setup? Put in a help desk ticket.

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Quick System Status: ✔ Sierra ✔ Vega Discover ✔ eCommerce

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Resources

- Codes
- Forms
- Policies & Procedures
- Sierra Essentials
- Online Catalog & Patron Services
- Circulation
- Technical Services
- Interlibrary Loan (ILL) module
- Reporting Tools
- Support
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Statistics & Reports

Year

Report Period

Enter a year to filter by

- Any -

Apply

September 2024

September 2024
Login required:
Lost and Paid Items - Sept 2024
New Item Conversion Report - September 05
Old Billed Items - Items Due September 2023
Old Billed Items Historical - Items Due Jan 2021 - September 2023
Old Claims Returned Report - September
Old Missing Items Report - September
Problem Holds-ILL Barcode libraries - September 6, 2024
Edit

August 2024

August 2024
Login required:
Capira Mobile App Statistics - August 2024
Circ Stats by ICode1 - August 2024
Circ Stats by IType - August 2024



<https://support.prairiecat.info/statistics-reports>

Cataloging

SERVICES & ITEM ENTRY
CERTIFICATION

- ☐ Load new bibliographic records from OCLC within 48 hours of member request
- ☐ Provide original cataloging completed by PrairieCat Catalogers as part of PrairieCat membership benefits
- ☐ The PrairieCat Catalogers and certified member catalogers regularly perform database cleanup including
 - ☐ record merges and clean-up
 - ☐ adding content to bibliographic records
 - ☐ multi-volume clean-up and more

Visit Resources > Forms section of the support website to find the forms to report duplicate records or needed bibliographic record clean-up. Please report issues you see, so we can keep our database as clean as possible!

ITEM ENTRY TRAINING PROCESS

Talent LMS
Courses



Complete prerequisites and series of 6 Item Entry Courses

Temporary
Tech Login



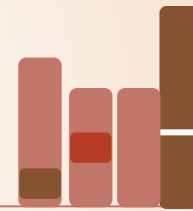
Receive temp login to practice adding items

Talent LMS
Practicum



Complete final course by submitting examples of item records you created

Certification



After completing practicum, your named tech login is made permanent



PrairieCat Email Account

- Per PrairieCat policy, each library is responsible for processing 1 paging list each day the library is open
- If your school has multiple locations, each location has its own email account with its own paging list
- The email account is also used for direct library-to-library communication and direct PrairieCat staff-to-library communication
- You will also receive overdue and bill notices in your email account. If those notices are for other libraries' patrons, you are responsible for printing and mailing those
- The PrairieCat Email Address is denoted by the library delivery code and ill@prairiecat.info.

School Checklist

- The opening/closing checklist is available on the PrairieCat support site: <https://support.prairiecat.info/school-libraries>



SLATE

School Library Advocacy Through Education (SLATE)

Sierra Inventory: Union List Collection Comparison



- Are you tired of receiving hold requests in Sierra (or in OCLC) for titles that you no longer own?
- Have you done a weeding project at your agency and updated your shelf-list and maybe didn't update Sierra?

Accurate holdings in PrairieCat ensures accurate holdings in WorldCat and up-to-date links to your library from FirstSearch, WorldCat Discovery, and WorldCat.org enable people to connect with the resources and services your agency provides.

Once a month, the holdings (items) in PrairieCat are uploaded to OCLC in what is referred to as “batchloading”.

Sierra Inventory: Union List Collection Comparison



Union Listing members are *highly encouraged* to do a collection comparison / inventory.

- *Request* a manageable listing of a specific group of records. Do NOT request your entire collection, which can be very overwhelming!
Examples: Fiction ; Juvenile Fiction ; 500's ; Biographies : E/Easy books
- *Compare* items locally owned to what is in Sierra.
- *Identify* what is *no longer owned*.
- *Return listing* to PrairieCat staff so the no longer owned items can be deleted from the database.

About PrairieCat Docs

Support Site > About page

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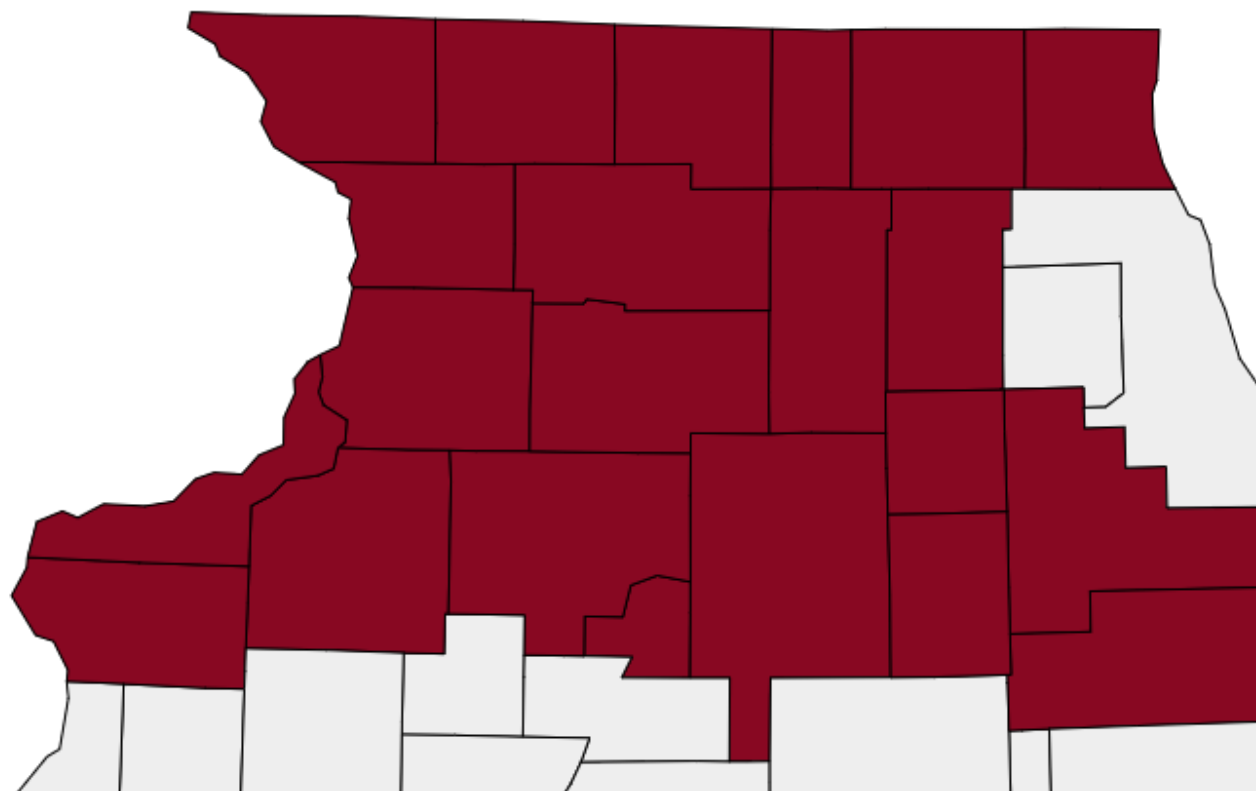
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Member Sharing
