

PrairieCat Delegates Assembly

Brief

July 29, 2026

Finance Committee report – report from 6/18/2026

- The Finance Committee discussed PrairieCat’s investment options. alternative ways to provide health insurance to the staff.

PrairieCat membership update, training and outreach report

- PrairieCat upcoming events: an IPLAR Q&A will be held via Zoom on August 11th, a Technical Services Committee meeting on August 14th online via Zoom, a Circulation Committee meeting on August 25th online via Zoom, and a PrairieCat New Directors Welcome will be held online via Zoom on September 8th. PUG Day 2026 will be a virtual event held on September 24th and 25th.
- Vega Discover Account Portal is now live. Account Linking is another feature that will be turned on later this week. There is an FAQ about Account Linking on the PrairieCat website. Vega Reports provides statistics on your interactions, page views, top searches, etc. for your Vega Site.

ACTION: Approve Trinity College of Nursing and Health Sciences/UnityPoint Health library departure from PrairieCat due to closure of library

- The Delegates voted to approve the withdrawal of Trinity College of Nursing and Health Sciences/UnityPoint Health Library from PrairieCat.

Presentation: Updates from Suzanna Jones, Illinois State Library, regarding IRIS: Illinois’ Reliable Information Sources database project

- Jones (Illinois State Library) gave a presentation on IRIS (Illinois’ Reliable Information Sources) database project.

PrairieCat 20th Anniversary (short presentation)

- Coulter (PrairieCat) gave a presentation celebrating PrairieCat’s 20th anniversary.

Public comments via previously submitted email (see above), in person or online

- Mai (PU) presented plans for the first Illinois Small and Rural Library Conference, scheduled for March 12, 2027 at the State Library.

Next regularly scheduled meeting, October 28, 2026