PrairieCat

# Delegates Assembly
# Member Services Report
# **Oct 28, 2026**

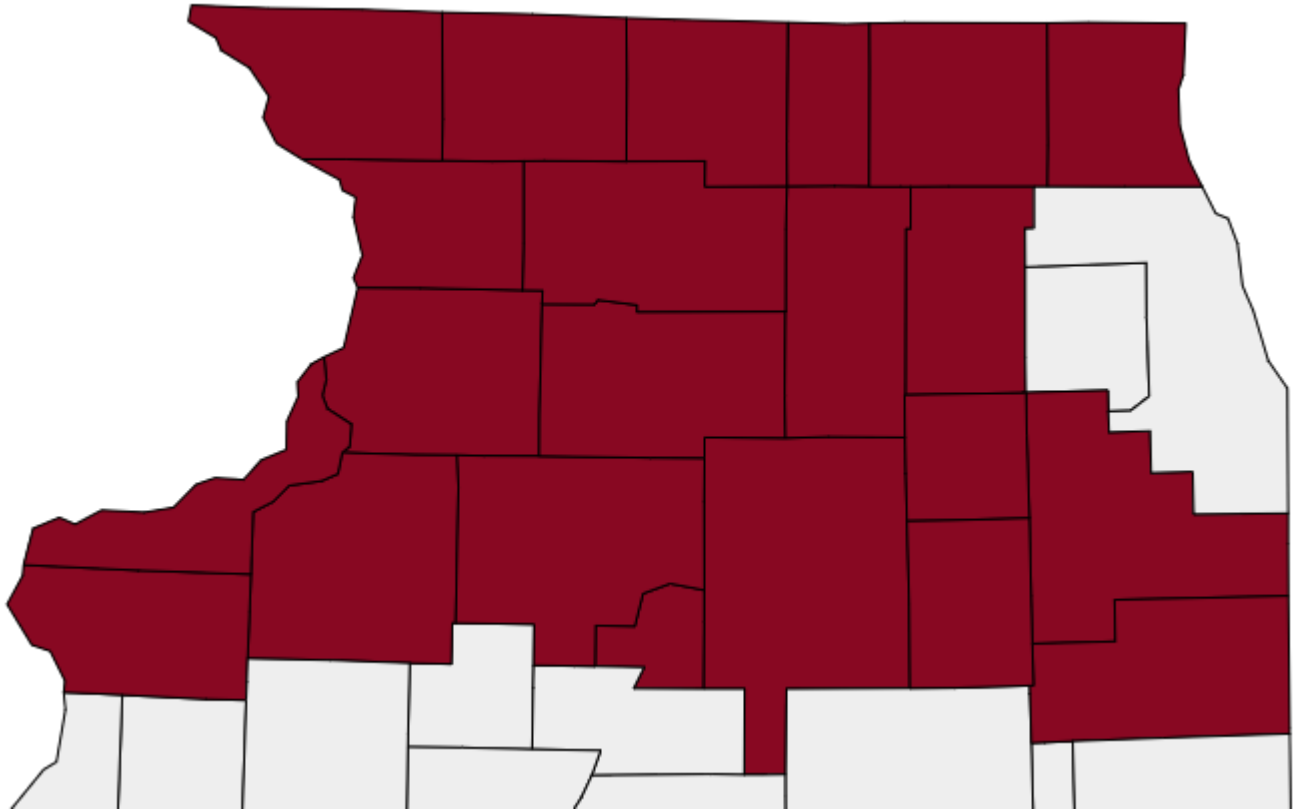
# 136 MEMBER LIBRARIES

**By Membership Level**

- **81 Fully Participating**
- **23 Basic Online**
- **32 Union Listing**

**By Library Type**

- **104 Public libraries**
- **30 School libraries**
- **2 academic libraries**



End users have access to 1.2 million unique titles and 5 million items through the shared catalog.

377,000 cardholders in the PrairieCat system

Approximately 57,000 monthly interlibrary loan transactions

# Delegates Assembly Meetings | FY27

~~- Wednesday, July 29, 2026 | Multiple Sites~~

~~- Wednesday, October 28, 2026| Multiple Sites~~

Wednesday, January 27, 2027 | Multiple Sites

**Wednesday, April 28, 2027 | Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Club (Luncheon)**

FY27 multiple sites include: Freeport Public Library, New Lenox Public Library District, Princeton Public Library, RAILS Coal Valley Videoconference Room, North Suburban Public Library District

Meetings scheduled from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Meetings listed on PrairieCat website

# Delegates Assembly Attendance

Attendance at Delegates Assembly is required of all Fully Participating and Basic Online PrairieCat members and the four Union Listing representatives, per the PrairieCat Intergovernmental Agreement. PrairieCat is subject to the Open Meetings Act, and, to ensure quorum, Non-Attendance Fines were put in the Bylaws.

PrairieCat Bylaws, Article V - Non-Attendance Fines

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. The maximum annual fine for non-attendance for each member library will be $150.

# Review Delegates Alternates List

- Designated alternate can attend and vote for library
- Update alternates as needed by contacting Chelsey Knippel chelsey.knippel@prairiecat.org
- Delegates alternates list posted on support site on Governance page

# Member Events | Upcoming

## Technical Services Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 5, 2026| Online via Zoom

## PrairieCat Vega Web Builder and Program Vendor Demo

Wednesday, Nov 04, 2026 | Online via Teams

## PrairieCat New Directors Welcome

Tuesday, December 8, 2026 | Online via Zoom

## PrairieCat Libraries Mobile - Quarterly Check-In and Q&A

Wednesday, January 13, 2027 | Online via Zoom

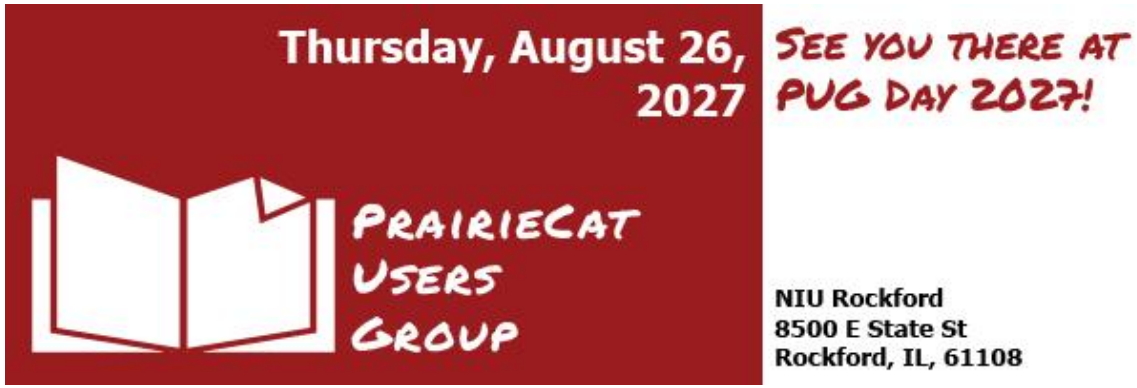
# Member Events | Vega Discover

## PrairieCat Vega Discover Customization Intensive

- Thursday, January 14, 2027
- Thursday, January 21, 2027
- Thursday, January 28, 2027
- Thursday, February 4, 2027

January / February Round: This four-week intensive will focus on optimizing your library's Vega Discover online catalog for your patrons. Through 4 one-hour zoom sessions with PrairieCat User Experience Specialist, Shelby O'Hara and other participants, participants will learn how to customize their online catalog with showcases, homepage builder, and more. Each intensive will be limited to six participants to provide adequate feedback and hands-on assistance. Participants will be working on individual testing sites during the program.

Contact PrairieCat to sign up!

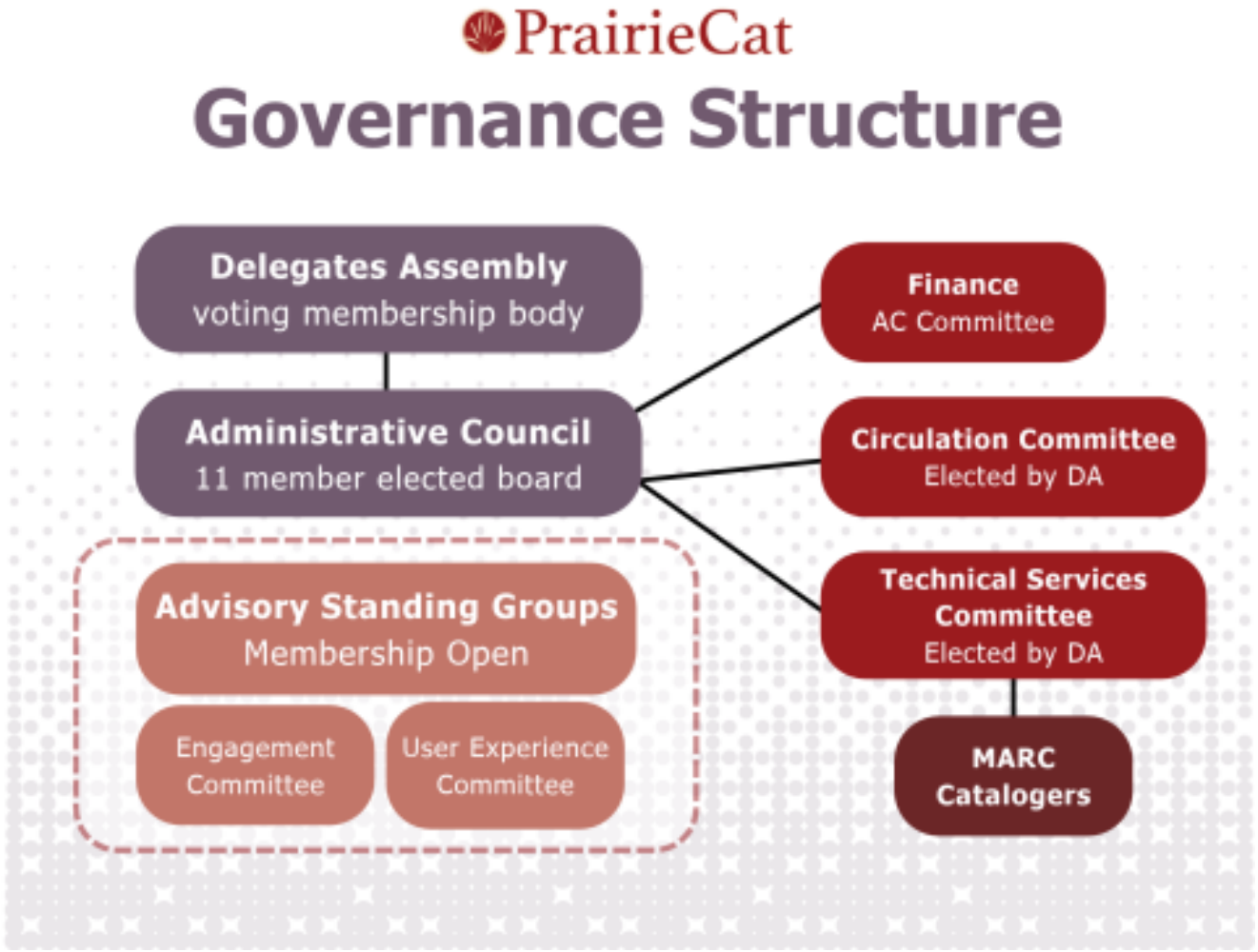



# PUG Day 2027

PrairieCat Users Group Day (PUG Day) is an annual event dedicated to professional development, networking, and continuing education for member library staff. We hope to see you there for the in-person event in 2027.

**Date: Thursday, August 26, 2027**

**Where: NIU Rockford Conference Center | Rockford, IL**




# Committee Restructuring

# Annual Report

PRAIRIECAT ANNUAL REPORT FY26, WEB VIEW

# Annual Report

**Design**

- Created in Canva using a template

- Use organization branding guidelines for a cohesive look (colors, fonts, logos, icons etc.)

- Look at other organizations for inspiration (RAILS, Moline PL, Bourbonnais Public Library)

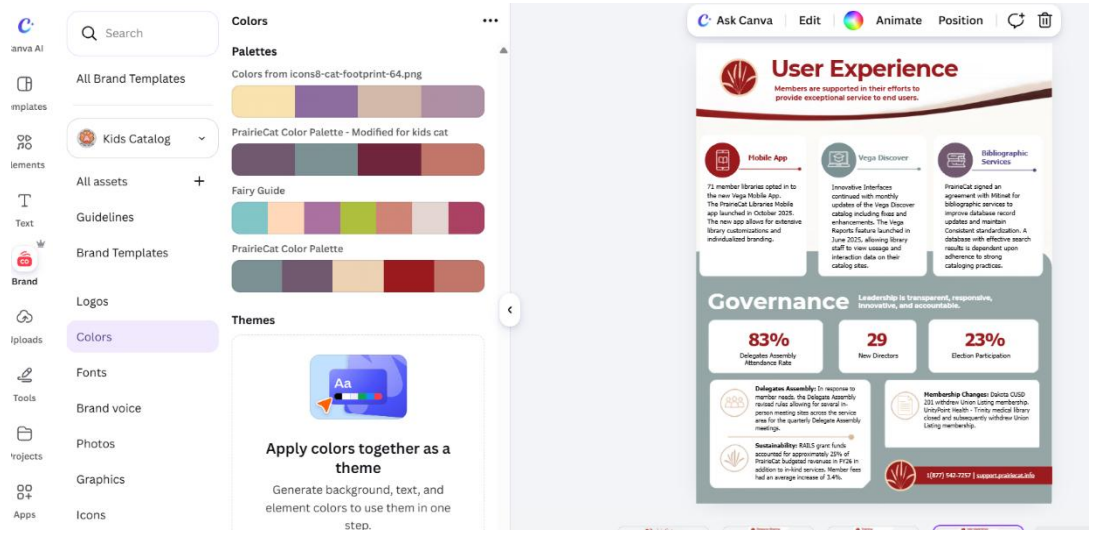
- Consider format of report and accessibility (print, digital)

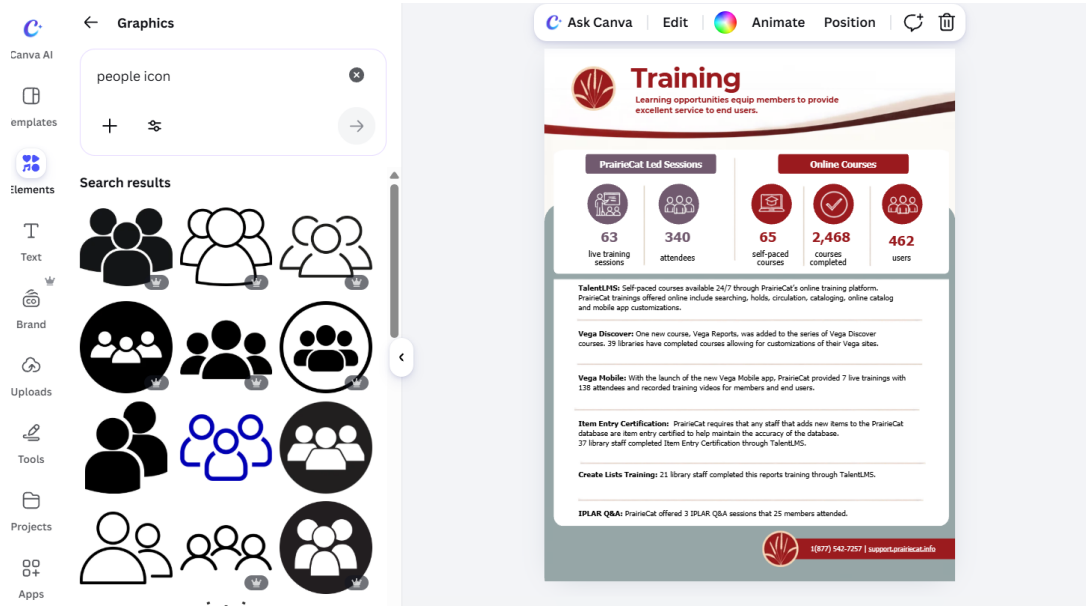
**Content**

- Content organized around strategic plan directions and goals

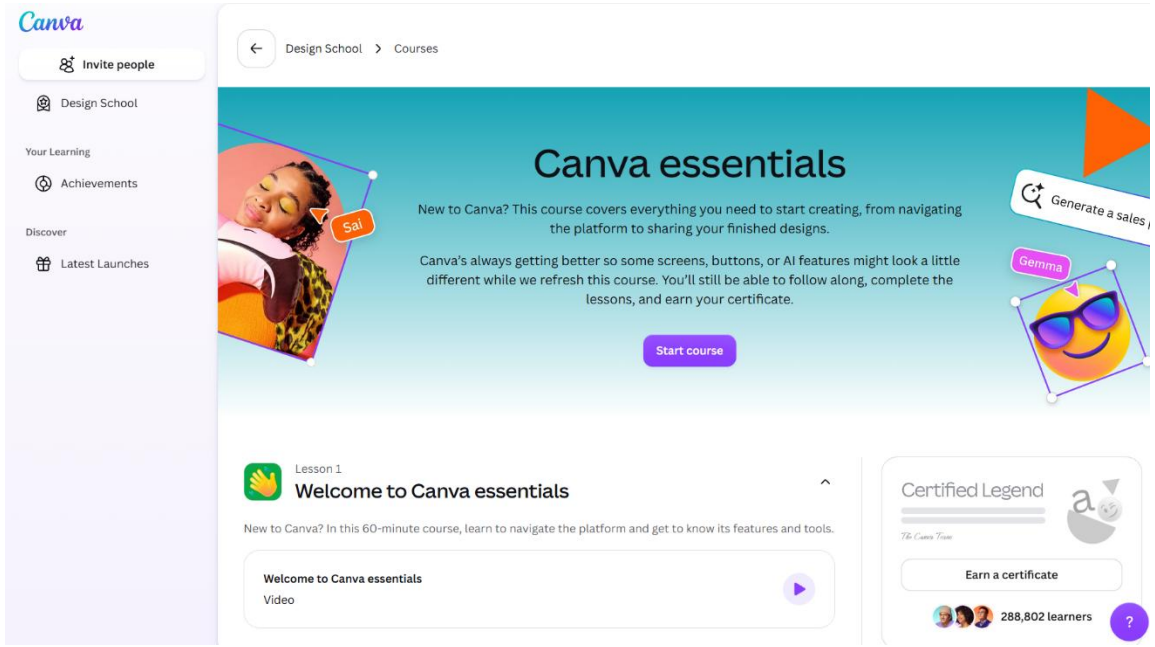
- Tip: Keep a running list of projects and milestones throughout the year (refer to monthly and quarterly reports)

- Consider report audience


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All Brand Templates
Kids Catalog
All assets
Guidelines
Brand Templates
Logos
Colors
Fonts
Brand voice
Photos
Graphics
Icons
Colors
Palettes
Colors from icons8-cat-footprint-64.png
PrairieCat Color Palette - Modified for kids cat
Fairy Guide
PrairieCat Color Palette
Themes
Apply colors together as a theme
Generate background, text, and element colors to use them in one step.
Ask Canva
Edit
Animate
Position
User Experience
Members are supported in their efforts to provide exceptional service to end users.
Mobile App
Vega Discover
Bibliographic Services
Governance
Leadership is transparent, responsive, innovative, and accountable.
83%
Delegates Assembly Attendance Rate
29
New Directors
23%
Election Participation


Graphics
people icon
Search results
Ask Canva
Edit
Animate
Position
Training
Learning opportunities equip members to provide excellent service to end users.
PrairieCat Led Sessions
Online Courses
63
live training sessions
340
attendees
65
self-paced courses
2,468
courses completed
462
users
TalentLMS: Self-paced courses available 24/7 through PrairieCat's online training platform. PrairieCat trainings offered online include searching, holds, circulation, cataloging, online catalog and mobile app customizations.
Vega Discover: One new course, Vega Reports, was added to the series of Vega Discover courses. 39 libraries have completed courses allowing for customizations of their Vega sites.
Vega Mobile: With the launch of the new Vega Mobile app, PrairieCat provided 7 live trainings with 138 attendees and recorded training videos for members and end users.
Item Entry Certification: PrairieCat requires that any staff that adds new items to the PrairieCat database are item entry certified to help maintain the accuracy of the database. 37 library staff completed Item Entry Certification through TalentLMS.
Create Lists Training: 21 library staff completed this reports training through TalentLMS.
IPLAR Q&A: PrairieCat offered 3 IPLAR Q&A sessions that 25 members attended.
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# Design

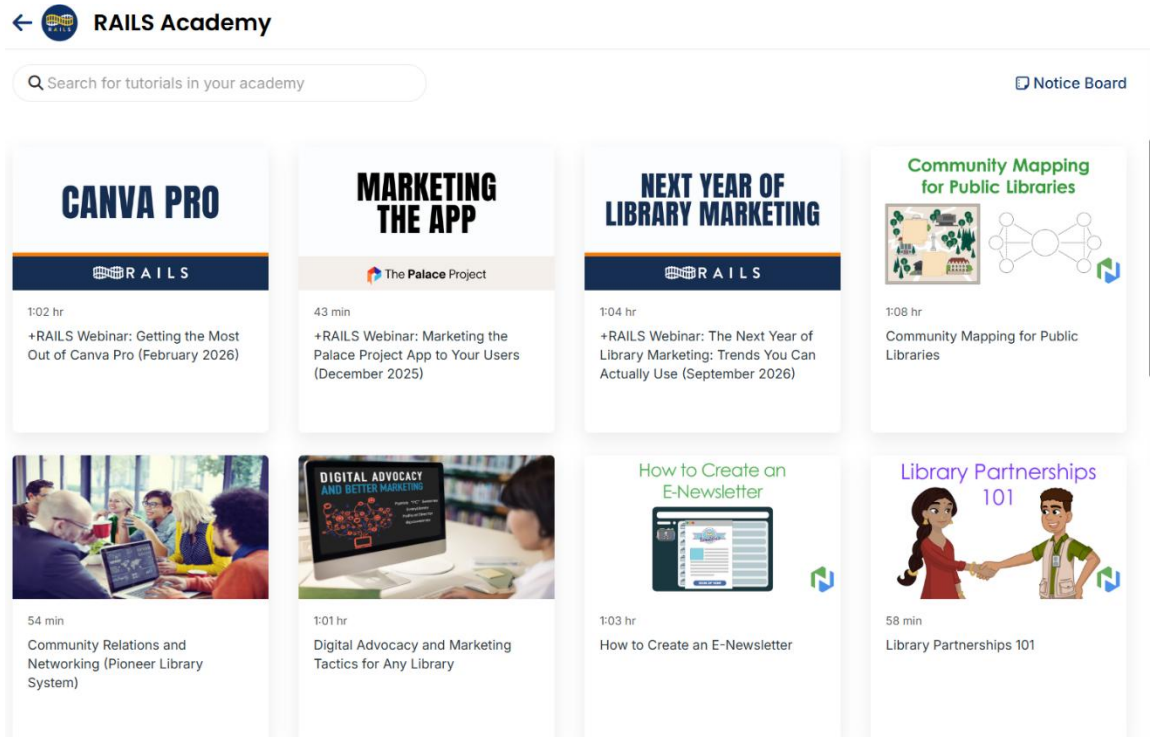



# Learning Opportunities

[Canva Design School]

Free Courses

60-minute Essentials and other Certified courses




# Learning Opportunities

[RAILS Academy]

Canva Pro

Telling Your Library's Story

Library Demographics

PUG Day 2026 Session: [The Advocacy Goldmine: Stories Hiding in Your Library Every Day]



# Any questions

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