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PrairieCat Delegates Assembly Brief October 28, 2026

PrairieCat membership update, training and outreach report

- PUG Day 2026 was a virtual event with 490 webinar attendees across the 15 live sessions, with representation from 60 libraries.
- Save the date for the in person event PUG Day 2027 on Thursday, August 26, 2027 at NIU Rockford Conference Center in Rockford, IL.

Approve departure from PrairieCat, New Lenox Public Library

- PrairieCat was notified that the New Lenox Public Library District would be withdrawing from PrairieCat to join the Pinnacle Library Cooperative. The Delegates Assembly voted to accept the withdrawal.

Update, RFI process

- The working group is reviewing the RFIs from vendors regarding ILS software. This is an information gathering process to analyze the current ILS market.

Review, Final FY26 audit

- Lauterbach and Amen presented the results of the FY26 audit to the Administrative Council at the October board meeting. PrairieCat had another clean audit.

Review, FY26 Annual report

- The PrairieCat Annual Report FY26 is now available on the About page of the website. This resource highlights the progress PrairieCat has made in the four strategic directions.

Presentation: Melissa Landis and Victoria Blackmer (Robert R. Jones Public Library District, Coal Valley), PrairieCat Data Dashboard

- The presenters shared about Using Excel to Create an Interactive Library Statistics Dashboard (access the PUG Day 2024 Session Zoom Recording Link).
- Log in to the PrairieCat website to access the reporting tools and files. Policies & Procedures Documentation > Reporting tools > Excel Dashboard > files available for download.

Next regularly scheduled meeting, January 27, 2027