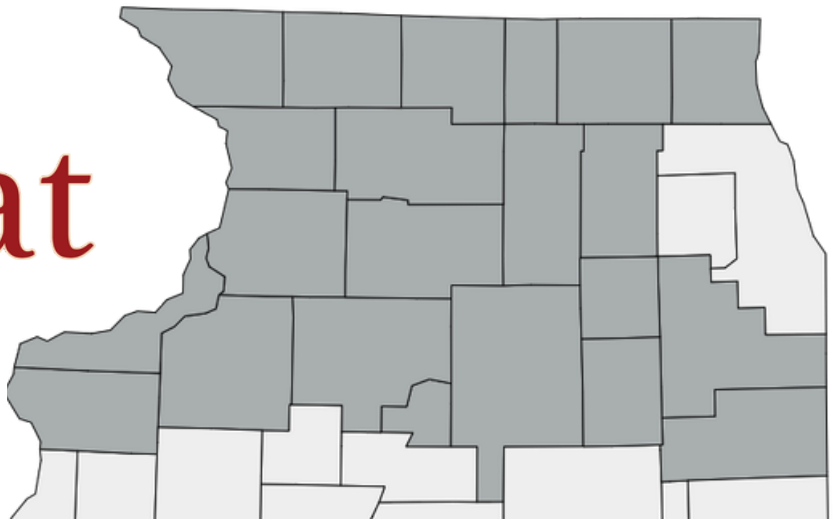




Membership FY27

136 MEMBER LIBRARIES

By Library Type

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

By Membership Level

81 Fully Participating

- 2 academic libraries
- 74 public libraries
- 5 school agencies

23 Basic Online

- 20 public libraries
- 3 school agencies

32 Union Listing (non-circulating)

- 10 public libraries
- 22 school agencies

Access

5,041,000 items owned within the system

1,210,200 unique titles within the system

361,600 total patrons

Resource Sharing

4,532,630 items circulated

658,240 interlibrary holds filled

639,220 reciprocal borrowing transactions between PrairieCat libraries

Shared Technology

Members share an integrated library system, Sierra from Innovative, to provide automation for daily library operations including circulation, cataloging, reporting, and more.

End users have access to 5 million items through the shared catalog, Vega Discover from Innovative.

Governance

PrairieCat is governed by two bodies. The Delegates Assembly includes a delegate from each circulating member and the four Union List representatives.

The Administrative Council is an 11-member board elected by the library delegates.

Twelve staff support the members, maintain the systems, and administer the organization.

Funding

PrairieCat is funded primarily through membership fees. The governing bodies annually review and vote on the organization budget and members fees.

PrairieCat also applies for an annual grant from RAILS to provide services and support to member libraries.