

Annual Report | July 2021-June 2022

PrairieCat assists members in the successful sharing of resources and services, expanding the quality and quantity of information accessible to our library users.

At its core, PrairieCat exists to provide an integrated library system (ILS) to members—having a central ILS provides efficiencies to 137 member libraries.

Database Support

- 12 PrairieCat staff
- 25 monthly statistical reports
- 12 reports with further processing by PC staff
- 521 original cataloging records
- 43,085 record loads
- 35,829 record enhancement and cleanup
- 897,201 special project record cleanup
- 22 MARC Catalogers from member libraries
- 2 Sierra upgrades — v 5.3 and v 5.4
- 1 Encore upgrades | 2 Decision Center upgrades

Total Help Desk Tickets Processed: 3,696

Member Libraries

137 Member Libraries

- 81 Fully Participating Members
- 18 Basic Online Members
- 38 Union Listing Members

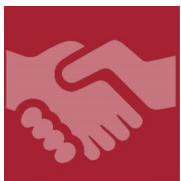
Multi-type Consortium

- 101 public libraries
- 32 school libraries
- 2 academic libraries
- 2 corporate, medical, or other special libraries

Resource Sharing Network

Access to more than 1.2 million unique titles and 5.1 millions items.

- 4,450,516 items circulated
- 638,373 interlibrary loan holds filled
- 499,632 reciprocal borrowing transactions between PrairieCat libraries



Engagement

Members are actively engaged at all levels, which creates connections and advances the organization.

PUG Days 2021 Virtual: 413 attendees from 68 member libraries (49% participation) | 13 live sessions

Virtual Member Updates: 3 meetings with 179 total attendees

In-Person Member Updates: 6 meetings across membership region with 69 total attendees

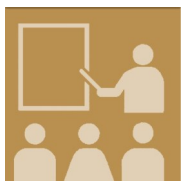
10 Governance and Standing Committees: 46 meetings

Site Visits with Member Libraries: 46 Virtual Site Visits | 5 In-Person Site Visits

Resource Sharing Summit: 41 participants

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Connecting Libraries to Strengthen Communities



Training | Learning opportunities equip members to provide excellent service to end users.

PrairieCat Classes

43 Live Classes

185 Attendees

Talent LMS Courses

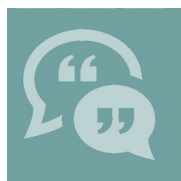
51 self-paced courses

2,871 courses completed | 421 users

TalentLMS: Self-paced courses available 24/7 through PrairieCat's online training platform. The majority of PrairieCat trainings are offered online such as searching, holds, circulation, and cataloging. More advanced classes and workshops are offered as live, on-demand classes.

Item Entry Certification: 45 library staff completed Item Entry Certification through TalentLMS. 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.

Create Lists Training: PrairieCat staff redesigned this training and it is now offered online on TalentLMS. 16 library staff completed the training. Create Lists is available to Fully Participating members.



User Experience | Members are supported in their efforts to provide exceptional service to end users.

Innovative Interfaces: The Delegates Assembly voted to accept a five-year contract agreement for ILS software and services, beginning 7/1/2022. It includes all existing software associated with the Sierra system. The DA also agreed to Vega Discover services once the new catalog is ready for consortia. Vega Discover has several features that will improve the end user experience such as roll-ups, e-material integration, improved searching, and site customization.

Fine Free Libraries: 29 PrairieCat libraries went fine free during FY22. PrairieCat staff provided system support and resources to make these changes possible.

Union List Comparison Project: 14 Union List libraries have participated in the inventory project to compare their holdings in Sierra to their physical collection.



Governance | Leadership is transparent, responsive, innovative, and accountable.

Delegates Assembly: 87% voting member attendance rate

FY23 Administrative Council and Standing Committees Election: 50% member participation

Membership Changes: The Ida Public Library added a Bookmobile in FY22—making it the 4th mobile collection in PrairieCat. In the last year, PrairieCat added the final school in the Putnam School District, and continued work with Lostant Community Public Library and Byron Schools.

Sustainability: RAILS grant funds accounted for approximately 30% of PrairieCat budgeted revenues in FY22 in addition to in-kind services. Twelve staff directly support PrairieCat's 137 libraries that are located in 14,000 square miles across northern Illinois.