

**CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
PROPOSED AGENDA FOR 3/13/2024
7:00 PM**

- 1. WELCOME**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. L. LAMPING YEARS OF SERVICE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 5. TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 6. BILLS AND INVOICES**
- 7. COMMUNICATIONS – Illinois Heartland Library System**
- 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. Village Board Meeting**
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. LIBRARY REPORT – Tia Varns**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**
 - A. Next Tentative Meeting Date April 10, 2024**

IHLS Upcoming Events

Looking for continuing education, networking, or membership events?
Here's what's coming up in the next few weeks!

In this email:

- [IHLS Event Schedule](#)
- [On-Demand / Rolling Events](#)
- [For IHLS-SHARE Members](#)

Registration through L2 is requested for most events and is required to receive event reminders and recording access (when recordings are available).

[Explore All Upcoming Events](#)

FEATURED EVENT:

 **MEMBERS MATTER**

SPECIAL MEETING

DELIVERY ISSUES & SOLUTIONS

10-11 AM **3/6**
ONLINE

REGISTER NOW



3/6

Members Matter Special Meeting

Delivery Issues & Solutions

Time: 10–11 a.m.

Format: Livestream / Recording

You may have noticed longer-than-normal shipping times for your IHLS-delivered items. We know some of you are frustrated, and we are working on solutions. Please join us for a special membership meeting all about the current state of your IHLS Delivery service, including the obstacles we've been facing, and how we plan to address it.

Available to: IHLS-member libraries, all staff levels

Cost: Free

Registration Deadline: 9:45 a.m. the day of the event, though registration by 2 days prior is requested. *Must register in order to receive an event reminder, CE credit for L2/IPLAR reports, and a recording link by email.*

[Register for this
Members Matter Special Meeting](#)

IHLS Event Schedule



3/5, 3/12, 3/13, 3/21, 3/22, 3/23

Regional iLEAD Trustee Learning Portal Workshops

Time: Varies

Format: Livestream / In person

In-Person Locations: Alpha Park, Burr Ridge,
Carbondale, Champaign, Edwardsville, Lake Zurich

The iLEAD Trustee Learning Portal was created to help Illinois public library board members learn the ins and outs of serving in the important government position of public library trustee—for free. In this workshop, Learn how the iLEAD Trustee Learning Portal can help public library board members shine in their roles!

Available to: All Illinois public library trustees and directors

Cost: Free

Registration Deadline: *In-Person Attendance:* Registration is required; space is limited (varies by location). *Virtual attendance:* Registration is required by the day before the workshop.

[Register for an iLEAD Regional Workshop](#)

iLEAD was created for the public library trustees of Illinois by [Illinois Heartland Library System](#) using funding awarded to Illinois Heartland Library System by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the US Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).



3/5

ErateSync Demo

Time: 10 a.m.

Format: Livestream / Recording

ErateSync demonstrates its cloud-based document management and audit compliance system for E-Rate.

Available to: IHLS-member libraries

Cost: Free

Registration Deadlines: Preferred: 2 days before the event.

Final: 3:15 p.m. day of event.

Presented by ErateSync



3/7

Solar Science for Librarians

Time: 10 a.m.

Format: In Person

Locations: IHLS–Carbondale

Description: The Illinois State Library, in collaboration with Star Net and SEAL (Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries), presents Solar Science for Librarians.

Available to: Public Libraries Statewide

Cost: Free

Registration Deadline: 3/7

[Register for Solar Science for Librarians](#)



3/7, 3/14, 3/28, 4/4

IHLS Directors Chat

Time: 1–2 p.m.

Format: Live Text Chat

Library directors and branch leaders across central and southern Illinois get together most Thursdays for this text-based chat.

Open to: IHLS-member staff in leadership roles (directors, associate directors, district librarians, head librarians)

Cost: Free

Registration Deadline: Registration by the Tuesday before is requested in case of cancellations. Forgot to register? Join

us anyway!

[Register for Directors Chat](#)



3/11–3/24 [FULL/WAITLIST AVAILABLE]

Focus on World Language Cataloging

A Cataloging Course with the CMC

Time: Asynchronous with Weekly Deadlines

Format: Online Course

Has your library decided to start purchasing materials in world languages, and you need help figuring out where to start? In this two-week crash course, Mary Cornell will help walk you through the steps of cataloging world language materials.

Available to: All system-member libraries statewide, all staff levels

Cost: Free

Registration Deadline: March 4, or until full

[Join the Waitlist for Focus on World Languages](#)

CMC cataloging services and trainings are free to all library workers in Illinois thanks to a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of the Secretary of State, using funds provided by the US Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).



3/11

Legal Issues for Illinois Employers

A Library Human Resources Webinar by HR

Source

Time: 10–11:30 a.m.

Format: Livestream / Recording (available for 7 days only)

Illinois' legislature enacted and amended many laws affecting your organization at an unprecedented rate last year, most of which are effective in 2024. HR Source's Senior Employment Law Counsel Allison Sues will walk you through what new laws may affect your organization and steps to take to make sure you are in compliance with applicable legal obligations.

Available to: All system-member libraries statewide, all staff levels

Cost: \$10 per person per webinar OR \$25 per person for all 3 HR Source webinars

Registration Deadline: March 8 at 5 p.m. Space is limited.

Presented by HR Source

[Register for
Legal Issues for Illinois Employers](#)



3/21

Third Thursday CE

Illinois Department of Corrections Libraries

Time: 10–11 a.m.

Format: Livestream / Recording

In-Person Location: Litchfield Public Library District

*Join us online or in person each third Thursday of the month to hear about an important or emerging topic facing the library community. **This month**, learn about IDOC Libraries.*

Available to: IHLS-member libraries, all staff levels

Cost: Free

Registration Deadline: *In-Person Attendance:* Registration is required; space is limited (varies by location). *Virtual attendance:* Registration is required by the day before the workshop.

[Register for Third Thursday CE](#)

Register for both Third Thursday CE events and IHLS Members Matter meetings through one registration link! Attend one or both.



3/21

IHLS Members Matter

Membership Meeting & Forum

Time: 11 a.m.–Noon

Format: Livestream / Recording

In-Person Location: Litchfield Public Library District

Be the first to hear the latest news from Illinois Heartland Library System, SHARE, and more. Then, it's your turn! Share your library's wins, ask your peers their thoughts on obstacles you're facing, and tell us what support you could use from IHLS.

Available to: IHLS-member libraries, all staff levels

Cost: Free

Registration Deadline: 9:45 a.m. the day of the event, though registration by 2 days prior is requested.

[Register for Members Matter](#)

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Members Matter meetings through one registration link!
Attend one or both.



3/14

Collected Moments: Creating Bibliographic Records for Personal Collections and Scrapbooks

An Online with the CMC Webinar

Time: 10–11 a.m.

Format: Livestream / Recording

Do you need help determining where to start when cataloging special collections? What material type do you use? How do you express the dates of the collection in the record? Do you catalog collections housed in a box differently than ones that are pasted onto scrapbook pages? In this free monthly webinar, join Barb Scoby as she presents several different types of collections and discusses the cataloging decisions made for each collection.

Available to: All system-member libraries statewide, all staff levels

Cost: Free

Registration Deadline: At least 15 minutes before the webinar begins

[Register for Collected Moments](#)

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3/7, 4/4

Extra Credit! School Librarian Networking

Time: 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Format: Livestream

Description: A new monthly networking opportunity for school librarians!

Available to: IHLS-member school libraries, all staff levels

Cost: Free

Registration Deadlines: Preferred: two days before the event. Final: 3:15 p.m. day of event.

[Register for Extra Credit!](#)



4/8-4/21

Focus on Cataloging CDs

a CMC cataloging course

Time: Asynchronous with Weekly Deadlines

Format: Online Course

Cataloging CDs can be challenging—what MARC (MACHINE-Readable Cataloging) fields are required, and which ones are optional? How do you fill out the fixed-field elements? In this two-week crash course, Eric McKinney will guide you through the process of creating bibliographic records for CDs

Available to: All system-member libraries statewide, all staff levels

Cost: Free

Registration Deadline: April 1; space is limited.

[Register for Focus on Cataloging CDs](#)

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4/9–4/11 [APPLICATION PERIOD NOW CLOSED]

Directors University 2.0

Time: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Format: In-Person

Location: Starved Rock Lodge & Conference Center
Oglesby

Directors University 2.0 (DU 2.0) is the continuation of the successful Directors University. Learning the basics is essential. However, to be successful as a library director, further training is necessary. DU 2.0 will dive deeper into topics that were touched on in the prior sessions.

Available to: All Illinois Library directors; priority will be given to directors who attended DU or SPLMI in 2020 or before.

Cost: \$150

Registration Deadline: Applications are now closed.

Presented by IHLS in partnership with Illinois Library Association, Illinois State Library, and Reaching Across Illinois Library System

[Register for Directors University 2.0](#)

AI and the Library World

An Online with the CMC Webinar

Time: 10–11 a.m.

Format: Livestream / Recording

Are you interested in how artificial intelligence might be used in the library world? What can they do? What can't they do? In this free monthly cataloging webinar, join Eric McKinney as he explores the limits of ChatGPT and BingAI as related to libraries.

Available to: All system-member libraries statewide, all staff levels

Cost: Free

Registration Deadline: At least 15 minutes before the webinar begins

[Register for AI and the Library World](#)

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On-Demand / Rolling Events



On-Demand

Library Service, Safety & Security Webinars with Library 2.0

Time / Format: On-Demand

Access three Library Service, Safety & Security webinars

from Library 2.0 and Dr. Steve Albrecht.

Open to: All IHLS-member libraries

Cost: Free

Registration Deadline: Rolling

[Register for Access to
Service, Safety & Security.](#)



On-Demand iLEAD Trustee Learning Courses

Time / Format: On-Demand

Your Illinois public library trustees are government officials who serve as the eyes, ears, and even the heart of the community in matters about the library. Yet, trustees often need more preparation for the job. The new iLEAD trustee learning portal was created to break down the Illinois statutes for public trustees. Learning topics are divided into self-led modules and completed asynchronously when convenient for trustees' schedules.

Open to: All Illinois public library trustees statewide

Cost: Free

Registration Deadline: Rolling

[Learn More and Enroll in iLEAD](#)

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On-Demand 2024 Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

Time / Format: On-Demand

*Every employer with employees working in the State of Illinois is required to provide employees with annual sexual harassment prevention training that complies with Section 2-109 of the Illinois Human Rights Act. This self-paced module fulfills this requirement, and **your entire staff can take it.***

Open to: IHLS-member libraries, all staff levels

Cost: Free

Registration Deadline: Rolling

Presented by Gallagher Risk Control.

[Register for the 2024
Sexual Harassment Prevention Training](#)

For IHLS-SHARE Members



SHARE

FOR SHARE MEMBERS

3/12, 3/26, 4/9

SHARE Trainings

Cataloging and Circulation Trainings

Time: Varies

Format: Livestream / Recording

Open to: SHARE members, all levels

Cost: Free

Registration Deadline: Varies

[View Upcoming Trainings from SHARE](#)

Explore All IHLS Events



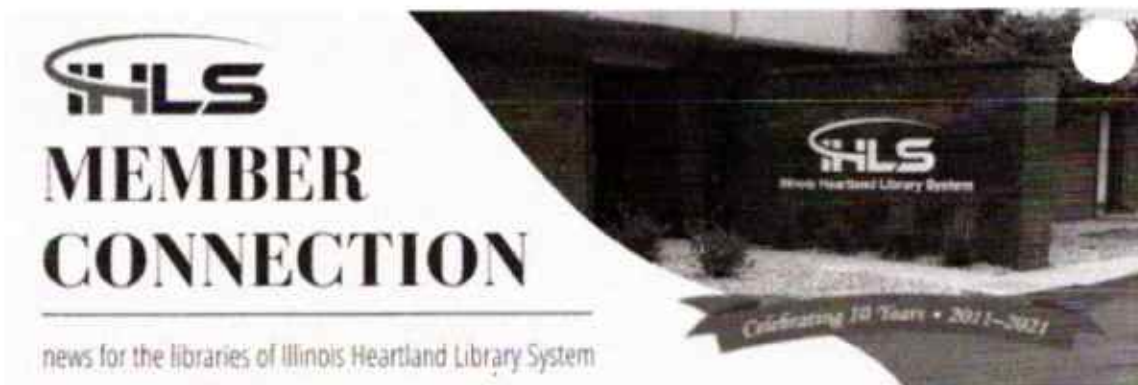
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Feb. 22, 2024



IHLS Members Matter

Special Meeting: Delivery Issues & Solutions

Wednesday, March 6, 10–11 a.m.

You may have noticed longer-than-normal shipping times for your IHLS-delivered items. We know some of you are frustrated, and we are working on solutions. Please join us at **10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 6**, for a **special membership meeting** all about the current state of **your IHLS Delivery service**, including:

- Factors impacting delivery turnaround, such as the recent boom in intrasystem circulation and staffing issues resulting in route cancellations
- Solutions identified
- Delivery outlook
- Action items for libraries

(Meanwhile, our sorters and office staff are diligently working to sort and deliver items to your library as quickly as possible, and we regret the inconvenience this has caused.)

Special Note for IHLS–SHARE members: Please watch your inbox for a special questionnaire from IHLS. We are asking all IHLS–SHARE libraries to complete this short and important form within two weeks of receiving the questionnaire.

Register for this Special Members Matter Meeting

 Share this Invitation with a Colleague!

Jump To:

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Connect with
Illinois library

Attend an iLEAD Online Workshop

Multiple Dates, Times, & Locations

Hybrid & Online

Are you a library trustee or director interested in helping your board reach **new heights of excellence in public service**? The **iLEAD Trustee Learning Portal** is here to help Illinois public library trustees learn the ins and outs of serving in the important government position of public library trustee—**for free, at their own pace, and on their schedule.**

Attend an upcoming workshop to learn more and find out how to begin your iLEAD Trustee journey right away!

[Register for an iLEAD Workshop](#)



ErateSync

Vendor Discount & Demo: ErateSync

Tuesday, March 5, 10 a.m.

ErateSync is a top solution for schools and libraries, ensuring flawless record retention and audit shield. Gain powerful insights into your funding health and compliance with ErateSync's platform. They are offering a **free webinar about the E-Rate process for IHLS members.**

More information about ErateSync or the **IHLS discount** can be found on the [IHLS Vendor Discounts database.](#)

[Register for the ErateSync Demo](#)

colleagues and
IHLS on LinkedIn!

WELCOME!

Welcome to the following
new library directors:

Jade Kastel

Primary Administrator,
Abraham Lincoln
Presidential Library

Amber Filbeck

Director, Shawnee
Community College

Natalee McWhorter

Director, Bunker Hill Public
Library District

Brandi Brehmer

Librarian, Stewardson-
Strasburg Schools

*Did we miss you? **Let us know**, and we'll put you in our next newsletter!*

IHLS Events



Each First Thursday
of the Month

Online; 3:30–4:30 p.m.



Thank You to Our Member Day Exhibitors

IHLS Member Day is made possible by the generous contributions of our event sponsors and exhibitors. We'd like to express our thanks one more time to our exhibitors for Member Day 2024.

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Bronze

- [OneDigital](#)



Annual Certification & ILLINET Traffic Survey

NEW! Join us at Extra Credit, our virtual networking session for **school librarians**. Attendees earn **one hour of PDH!**

Extra Credit sessions are not recorded.

Register for
Extra Credit



Each Third Thursday of the Month

Online & in Person
10–11 a.m.

Join us in person at rolling locations or online for CE from a guest speaker discussing relevant topics in the library community.



Each Third Thursday of the Month

Online & in Person
11 a.m.–Noon

Come join our Members Matter meetings to stay updated on the latest news and connect with peers. Attend in person at rotating locations for optimal networking opportunities!

Due March 31!

As the **deadline for annual certification and the ILLINET traffic survey** rapidly approaches, we want to thank all of our members who have already completed this critical task!

If you still need to finish your certification and survey, [reach out to our membership staff for help](#). Completion is necessary to retain system membership. On our website, you can also find an updated guide.

[See Our Certification & Survey Guide](#)

Youth Services & Schools

ALA Youth Media Award Winners Named

The ALA Youth Media Awards winners were announced on Jan. 22, 2024. Curious to see who was recognized? Read the press release on the [ALA website](#).



Did you know that IHLS has a Youth Services Listserv?

It's a place for all library staff involved with youth services to communicate with each other, ask questions, and share ideas. Joining this listserv is a great way to get to know your fellow youth services librarians in central and southern Illinois and to build your professional support network.

Register for
Both Events

IHLS LIBRARY DIRECTORS' CHAT

Thursdays 1–2 p.m.*

**except each third Thursday*

Next Chats:

Feb. 22, 29; March 7

Make sure you're subscribed to our "IHLS Networking, Special Interest Groups, and Social Hours" emails to receive the weekly links.

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Grants



Community Heart &

To join the Youth Services Listserv subscribe below!

[Subscribe to the Youth Services Listserv](#)

Human Resources



New Webinars in the Library HR Series Presented by HR Source

Cost: \$10/event or \$25/person for three sessions

If you manage other staff, you won't want to miss this! IHLS's go-to resource for HR training and assessment, HR Source, is offering this webinar designed to help participants recruit, train, and retain staff. All system members and staff are invited.

- [Legal Issues for Illinois Employers](#)
March 11, 10 a.m.
- [Effective Performance Reviews](#)
April 22, 10 a.m.
- [Navigating HR Ethics](#)
May 20, 10 a.m.

[View All Library HR Webinars](#)

*View all of IHLS's upcoming events on our website
at www.illinoisheartland.org/events.*

Soul Seed Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

This program provides \$10,000 in funding for resident-driven groups in small cities and towns to start the Community Heart & Soul model.

UPCOMING GRANT DEADLINES

Feb. 23, 2024

Stephen T. Riedner Grant
for Life Enhancing Library
Programs for People Living
with Dementia

March 6, 2024

AARP Community Challenge
Grants

[View Our Grants
Database](#)

Cataloging Maintenance Center



Spring 2024 Interns Join the CMC Team

Join us in welcoming the CMC's new interns, Anslie Waldrep and Courtney Silver! Learn more about them in [the latest IHLS news story](#).

Cataloging Maintenance Center Announces 2023–2024 Webinars

Learn the nuances of cataloging and collection discoverability in 20 minutes when you attend the Cataloging Maintenance Center's *Online with the CMC*. These brief webinars cover a different cataloging special topic each month. A 40-minute Q&A session follows each presentation.

Collected Moments: Creating Bibliographic Records for Personal Collections and Scrapbooks

March 14, 2024

AI and the Library World

April 11, 2024

Getting Serious About Series

May 9, 2024

[Explore Webinars](#)

Asynchronous Cataloging Courses

For seasoned librarians interested in exploring new avenues in metadata, and those looking to learn the fundamentals of cataloging, the Cataloging Maintenance Center provides more in-depth cataloging training for library workers across the state of Illinois. **Courses are asynchronous and free to all Illinois library workers!**

Focus on World Language Cataloging
March 11–24, 2024

Focus on Cataloging CDs
April 8–21, 2024

Subject Analysis
May 20–June 30, 2024

Cataloging Basics
July 8– Aug. 18, 2024

[Explore Courses](#)

Partnerships



Telling Libraries' Stories of Impact on Communities

Latest additions to the *My Library Is...* blog:

- [My Library Is...Giving Away Books](#)
- [My Library is... LiteZilla Lights Up Lisle Library District](#)
- [My Library is...Designed for Its Users](#)

Think you have an idea for a topic or know a writer for the [My Library Is... blog](#)? [Contact Us](#).

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More Continuing Education

Call for Proposals: ILA Annual Conference 2024

Peoria, Ill.

Deadline: April 5, 2024

This year's conference theme is **Libraries are Lit: Sparking Innovation and Imagination**. We will celebrate the dynamic role we play in initiating creativity, inspiring new ideas, and fostering innovation within our communities. We'll explore how we can enrich relationships that spark collaboration, inclusivity, dialogue, and understanding.

[See the Full CFP & Learn More](#)

Free Third-Party Webinars

Selected & Upcoming

Feb. 23, 1 p.m.

[Core Competencies for Cataloging and Metadata: Then and Now](#)

Feb. 26, 3 p.m.

[How to Manage an Inclusive Team](#)

Feb. 29, 1 p.m.

[Introduction to Finding Grants](#)

Feb. 29, 2 p.m.

[Collaboration and Communication in Your School and District](#)

Find more on our website with our monthly
Library Learning Roundup!

See the February Roundup

*Have suggestions, ideas, or questions about Continuing
Education? Contact **Kate Kite, Continuing
Education Coordinator Liaison, 618.474.9948.***

Conferences

Public Library Association Annual Conference

April 3-5, 2024

Reaching Forward South

April 19, 2024

Reaching Forward North

May 10, 2024

Collaboration Opportunities



Help Save Our State Insect!

With the Illinois Monarch Project

Did you know that monarch butterflies are the Illinois state insect, and milkweed, their caterpillars' only food source, is our state wildflower? Did you know that monarchs are endangered? Luckily, there's something your library can do about it!

Join the Sag Moraine Native Plant Community and the Illinois Monarch Project to advance monarch and

pollinator conservation efforts statewide. They need you to promote their upcoming free webinar series (all live-streamed on YouTube) to your patrons.

See (and share) the event fliers below:

- [Homegrown National Park with Doug Tallamy](#)
Feb. 28, 6 p.m.
- [Why Monarchs Matter and How We Can Help](#)
March 27, 7 p.m.
- [The Ins and Outs of Creating a Native Pollinator Garden](#)
April 24, 7 p.m.

Also, check out their [Partnership for Pollinators Tool Kit!](#)

Quick Links

[Illinois Heartland Library System](#) | [Cataloging Maintenance Center](#) | [SHARE Consortium](#) | [SHARE Help Desk](#) | [Library Directory & Learning Calendar \(L2\)](#) | [Illinois State Library](#) | [Illinois Library Association](#)

Have News to Share?

Share your organization's news with IHLS and you may see it in a future newsletter!
Send submissions to communications@illinoisheartland.org.



Illinois Heartland Library System

IMAGINING TOMORROW - DELIVERING POSSIBILITIES TODAY

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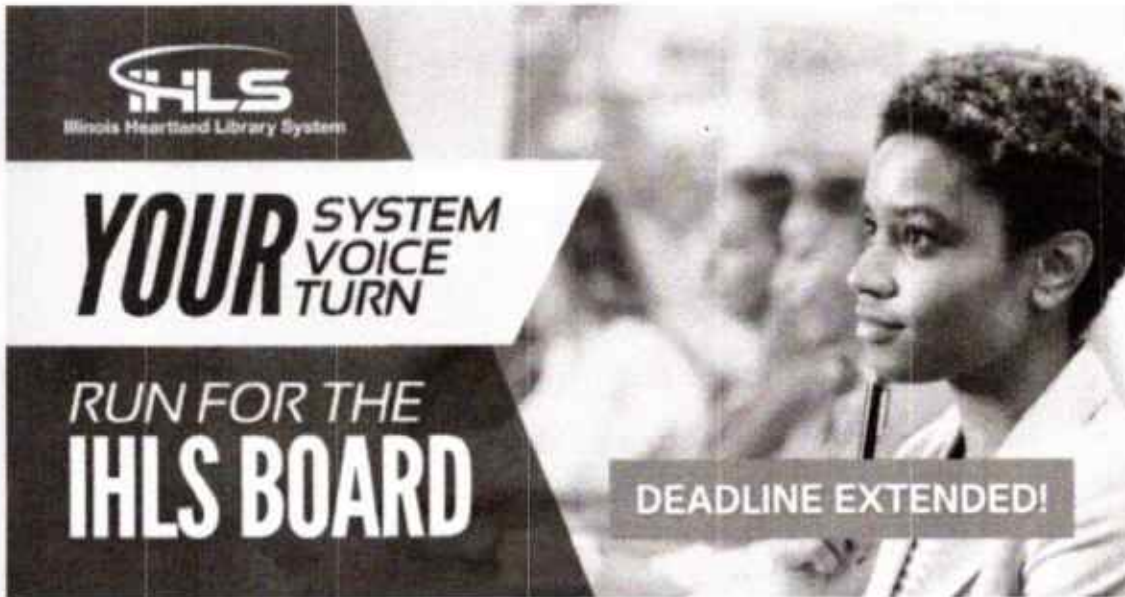
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Illinois Heartland Library System is still looking for passionate individuals to guide our innovations and represent our members, and we've extended the nominations deadline to *noon on Wednesday, Feb. 21*. This means *you still have time* to take your turn on the IHLS board and make a real difference for libraries like yours across central and southern Illinois.

For 2024, we need candidates for these positions:

- **2 Public Library Trustee Representatives**
(3-year term; must serve on a public library board of directors)
- **2 School Library Representatives**
(3-year term; must be a staff member of a school library)
- **1 Public Library Representative**
(3-year term; must be a staff member of a public library)

Why join the board? You can:

- Shape the future of your library system
- Contribute to the growth of the region's libraries
- Network with library leaders in the region and state
- Gain valuable leadership experience to grow your career
- Ensure equitable access to library resources across the region

Your system. Your voice. Your turn.

[Learn More About What It Takes](#)

Public Library Directors:

Can you forward this email to one trustee you think would make a good candidate?

[Forward to a Colleague or Board Trustee](#)



Illinois Heartland Library System



IHLS Board: Why We Serve

Serving on the Illinois Heartland Library System board can be very rewarding for both the board member and the board member's library. Zachary Newell, Beverly Obert, and Stacey Carter share why they serve on the IHLS board (recorded 2021).



Illinois Heartland Library System

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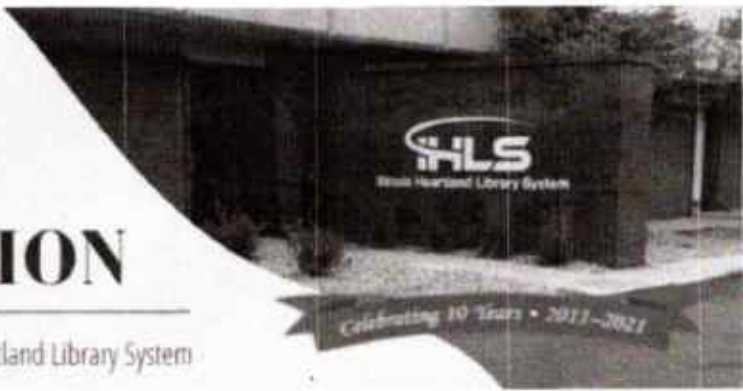
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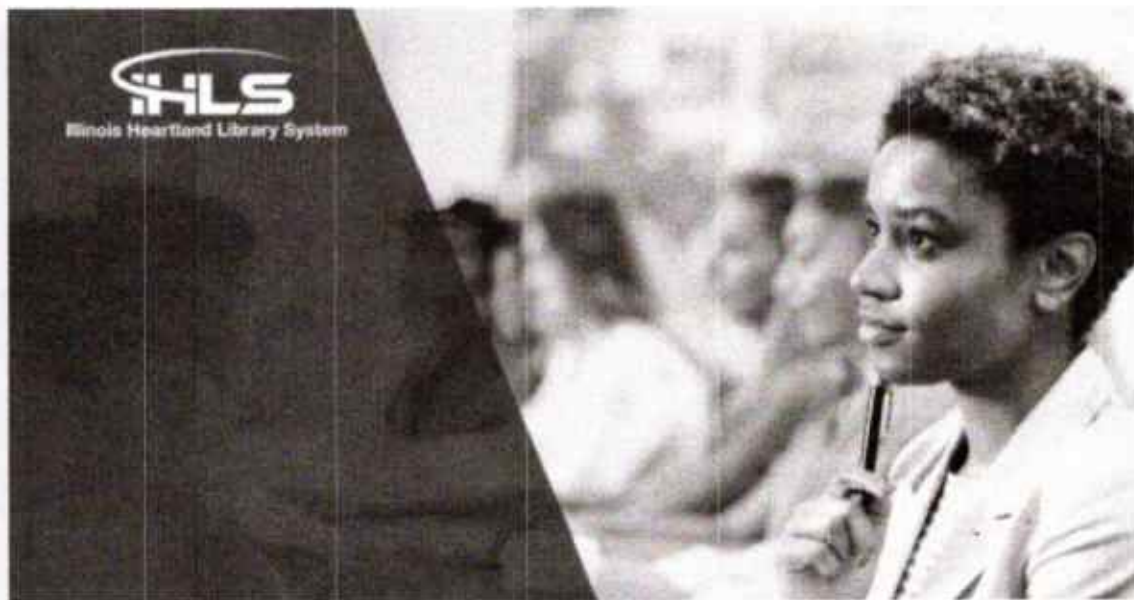


MEMBER CONNECTION

news for the libraries of Illinois Heartland Library System



Feb. 7, 2024



Nominate Yourself for the IHLS Board

Or Recommend a Colleague!

Nominations Close Feb. 15, 2024

Are you ready to **make a difference** in **your** library system? If so, we want you to run for the **IHLS Board of Directors**! Whether you're a part-time school library media assistant, an adult services specialist, or a public library board president, **your voice deserves to be heard.**

We're seeking candidates for the following positions:

- 2 Public Library Trustee Representatives
- 2 School Library Representatives
- 1 Public Library (Staff) Representative

*Take your turn and **nominate yourself now!** Or use the form on our website to **recommend a colleague!***

[Learn More on Our Website](#)



Share this Invitation with a Colleague!

Jump To:

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IHLS Member Day 2024

IHLS Member Day Is Tomorrow!

Are You Ready?

We're looking forward to seeing you all at **IHLS Member Day 2024: Libraries – The Heart of the Community!** From 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **tomorrow**, library system members from all over Illinois will gather online for a full day of CE, PDH, networking, games, and prizes.

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the following
new library directors:

Natalee McWhorter

Bunker Hill Public Library
District

Brandi Brehmer

Librarian, Stewardson-
Strasburg Schools

Kimberly Fox

Librarian, Bismarck-

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*Did we miss you? **Let us know**, and we'll put you in our next newsletter!*

IHLS Events



**Each First Thursday
of the Month**

Online: 3:30–4:30 p.m.

NEW! Join us at Extra Credit, our virtual networking session for **school librarians**. Attendees earn **one hour of PDH!**

Extra Credit sessions are not recorded.

Register for
Extra Credit

Annual Certification & ILLINET Traffic Survey

Due March 31!

As the **deadline for annual certification and the ILLINET traffic survey** rapidly approaches, we want to thank all of our members who have already completed this critical task!

If you still need to finish your certification and survey, [reach out to our membership staff for help](#). Completion is necessary to retain system

membership. On our website, you can also find an updated guide.

See Our Certification & Survey Guide

Directors' University 2.0

April 9–11, 2024

Oglesby, IL

Registration Deadline: Feb. 12

Cost: \$150*

During **Directors University (DU)**, new library directors are brought together to learn the basic work of a library director. **DU 2.0 is the next level of knowledge.** Fifty attendees will dive deeper into topics such as budgeting, capital improvements, grant writing, succession planning, and leadership.

**Materials, lodging, and meals are covered by the registration fee and support from the Illinois State Library using funds provided by the IMLS under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).*

Learn More About DU 2.0

Youth Services & Schools



Each Third Thursday of the Month

Online & in Person

10–11 a.m.

Join us in person at rolling locations or online for CE from a guest speaker discussing relevant topics in the library community.

No Third Thursday in February due to Member Day.



Each Third Thursday of the Month

Online & in Person

11 a.m.–Noon

Come join our Members Matter meetings to stay updated on the latest news and connect with peers. Attend in person at rotating locations for

ALA Youth Media Award Winners Named

The ALA Youth Media Awards winners were announced on Jan. 22, 2024. Curious to see who was recognized? Read the press release on the [ALA website](#).



Did you know that IHLS has a Youth Services Listserv?

It's a place for all library staff involved with youth services to communicate with each other, ask questions, and share ideas. Joining this listserv is a great way to get to know your fellow youth services librarians in central and southern Illinois and to build your professional support network.

To join the Youth Services Listserv subscribe below!

[Subscribe to the Youth Services Listserv](#)

School Library Data Dashboard Intro

Feb. 13, 4–5 p.m.

One hour of PDH is available for this session!

optimal networking opportunities!

[Register for Both Events](#)

IHLS LIBRARY DIRECTORS' CHAT

Thursdays 1–2 p.m.*

**except each third Thursday*

Next Chats:

Feb. 15, 22, 29

Make sure you're subscribed to our "IHLS Networking, Special Interest Groups, and Social Hours" emails to receive the weekly links.

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Join IHLS Schools Liaison Leah Gregory and RAILS Data Specialist Janette Derucki for an online info session on the School Library Advocacy Through Education (SLATE) project and its new data dashboard. You've been contributing data for this project for two years; now it's time to see how to access and use the data for advocacy!

Registration is requested by **Friday, Feb. 9.**

If you have questions about this session, please contact Leah Gregory at lgregory@illinoisheartland.org or [618.619.2069](tel:618.619.2069).

Register for the Data Info Session

Human Resources



Register for Legal Issues

New Webinars in the Library HR Series

Presented by HR Source

Grants



Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grants

Deadline: Feb. 15, 2024

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation invests in literacy programs that help students of all ages learn to read, prepare for the High School Equivalency Test, or learn English.

AARP Community Challenge Grants

Deadline: March 6, 2024

AARP is accepting applications for projects that benefit residents — especially those aged 50 and older.

Cost: \$10/event or \$25/person for three sessions

If you manage other staff, you won't want to miss this! IHLS's go-to resource for HR training and assessment, HR Source, is offering this webinar designed to help participants recruit, train, and retain staff. All system members and staff are invited.

- Legal Issues for Illinois Employers
March 11, 10 a.m.
- Effective Performance Reviews
April 22, 10 a.m.
- Navigating HR Ethics
May 20, 10 a.m.

[View All Library HR Webinars](#)

View all of IHLS's upcoming events on our website at www.illinoisheartland.org/events.



Illinois Heartland Library System is looking for a new team member! We have the following position currently available within our organization:

UPCOMING GRANT DEADLINES

Feb. 11, 2024

Snapdragon Book
Foundation

Feb. 11, 2024

Dollar General Literacy
Foundation Grants

Feb. 23, 2024

Stephen T. Riedner Grant
for Life Enhancing Library
Programs for People Living
with Dementia

March 6, 2024

AARP Community Challenge
Grants

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Database](#)

- [Courier](#) — Full-Time; Carbondale Hub

We offer a competitive benefits package and a great work-life balance that is part of our company culture.

[View the IHLS & Library Job Board](#)

Cataloging Maintenance Center



Cataloging Maintenance Center Announces 2023–2024 Webinars

Learn the nuances of cataloging and collection discoverability in 20 minutes when you attend the Cataloging Maintenance Center's *Online with the CMC*. These brief webinars cover a different cataloging special topic each month. A 40-minute Q&A session follows each presentation.

Parts, Volumes, and Issues: Exploring Serials Cataloging
Feb. 15, 2024

Collected Moments: Creating Bibliographic Records for
Personal Collections and Scrapbooks

March 14, 2024

AI and the Library World

April 11, 2024

Getting Serious About Series

May 9, 2024

Explore Webinars

Asynchronous Cataloging Courses

For seasoned librarians interested in exploring new avenues in metadata, and those looking to learn the fundamentals of cataloging, the Cataloging Maintenance Center provides more in-depth cataloging training for library workers across the state of Illinois. **Courses are asynchronous and free to all Illinois library workers!**

Focus on World Language Cataloging

March 11–24, 2024

Focus on Cataloging CDs

April 8–21, 2024

Subject Analysis

May 20–June 30, 2024

Explore Courses

Partnerships



Telling Libraries' Stories of Impact on Communities

Latest additions to the *My Library Is...* blog:

- [My Library Is...Giving Away Books](#)
- [My Library is... LiteZilla Lights Up Lisle Library District](#)
- [My Library is...Designed for Its Users](#)

Think you have an idea for a topic or know a writer for the [My Library Is... blog? Contact Us.](#)

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More Continuing Education

Free Third-Party Webinars

Selected & Upcoming

Feb. 12, 10 a.m.

[Nurturing Resilience: Fostering Healing and Inclusion Through Trauma-Informed Care and DEI](#)

Feb. 13, 1 p.m.

[Grantseeking Solo: Securing Awards with Limited Staff](#)

Feb. 14, 1 p.m.

[Cultivating and Sustaining the Relationship-Driven Library](#)

Feb. 23, 1 p.m.

[Core Competencies for Cataloging and Metadata: Then and Now](#)

Find more on our website with our monthly
Library Learning Roundup!

[See the February Roundup](#)

*Have suggestions, ideas, or questions about Continuing Education? Contact **[Kate Kite, Continuing Education Coordinator Liaison, 618.474.9948.](#)***

Conferences

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Reaching Forward South

April 19, 2024

Reaching Forward North

May 10, 2024

Collaboration Opportunities



Help Save the Our State Insect!

With the Illinois Monarch Project

Did you know that monarch butterflies are the Illinois state insect, and milkweed, their caterpillars' only food source, is our state wildflower? Did you know that monarchs are endangered? Luckily, there's something your library can

Moraine Native Plant Community and the
ch Project to advance monarch and
ervation efforts statewide. They need you
ir upcoming free webinar series (all live-
YouTube) to your patrons.

re) the event fliers below:

rown National Park with Doug Tallamy
, 6 p.m.

onarchs Matter and How We Can Help
27, 7 p.m.

and Outs of Creating a Native Pollinator
, 7 p.m.

ut their Partnership for Pollinators Tool

Quick Links

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ur organization's news with IHLS and you may see it in a future newsletter!
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