

**CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
PROPOSED AGENDA FOR 11/12/2025
7:00 PM**

- 1. WELCOME**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 4. CHRISTMAS BONUS FOR LIBRARY STAFF**
- 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 Varnes**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**
 - A. Next Tentative Meeting Date January 14, 2026**

CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
10/08/2025

1. Welcome

2. ROLL CALL:

Board Members: Nicole Brough, Sarah Faulkner, Carol LeClaire, Brenda Jensen, and Vicky Shell were present at the 10/08/2025 Clifton Library Board meeting, called to order at 7:04 pm. Tia Varns, head Library Clerk, was also present.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Meeting minutes from September 10, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved with changes. Postage expense will be corrected to \$8.50. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Nicole, seconded by Brenda. Minutes were approved with changes.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Checking 9/30/2025 – \$14,823.97

Savings 9/30/2025 – \$51,855.75

CD 9/30/2025 – \$15,560.45

Cash Drawer – 9/30/2025 - \$50.00

Carol made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Brenda. All approved.

5. BILLS AND INVOICES:

None

6. Communications:

Illinois Heartland Library System newsletter sent out via email prior to meeting

7. Unfinished Business:

Village Board Meeting – nothing to report.

8. New Business:

Library Report – Tia Varns

9/12/2025 - Container gardening 3 attended

09/16/2025 - Herb garden 5 attended

10/10/2025 - video game tournament (Smash Brothers)

10/18/2025 - ghost craft

Chapter 5 – Finance & Budget

Met standards

Chapter 6 Regarding Governance & Administration

Met standards

Chapter 7 HR

Succession Plan needs to be worked on

Chapter 8 Information Services

Eliminate barriers to services and information access (possibly eliminate fines) Tia will do more research into how other libraries have handled eliminating fines and how that could apply to CPL.

Motion to approve the Library Report by Carol, seconded by Nicole, all approved.

9. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm, moved to adjourn by Nicole, seconded by Sarah. Approved. The next meeting is November, 12, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nicole Brough, Secretary

**CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
2026 SCHEDULE**

January 14, 2026

February 11, 2026

March 11, 2026

April 8, 2026

May 13, 2026

June 10, 2026

August 12, 2026

September 9, 2026

October 14, 2026

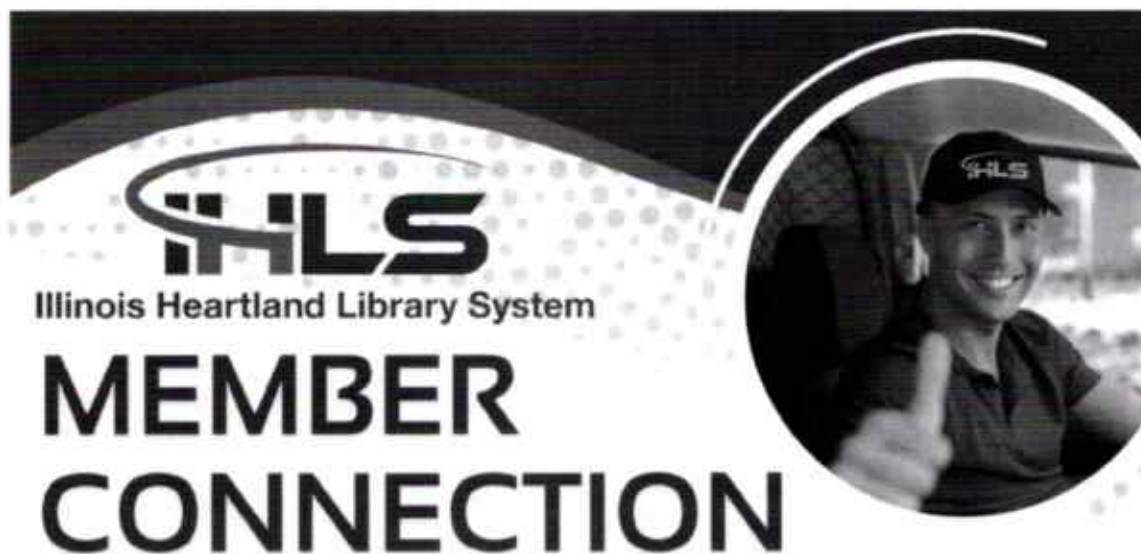
November 11, 2026

All meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month except July and December in the Clifton Public Library starting at 7:00pm

Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

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Nov. 5, 2025



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IHLS Member News



SR 104 Advises Trustee Training

iLEAD Is Here to Help!

NEW!

Last month, the Illinois Senate adopted **Senate Resolution 104**, highlighting the **importance of trustee training and support**. The resolution



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WELCOME!

Welcome to the following
new library directors:

Brittany Burrow

Director, Cahokia Public
Library District

affirms that well-prepared trustees strengthen governance, transparency, and service for every Illinois community.

The [iLEAD Trustee Learning Portal](#) is an ideal resource for this valuable training. It's online, self-paced, and free! Contact [iLEAD Project Manager Leanne Furby](#) to get started!

AMHS 'Name the Machine Contest' Winners

NEW!

We're excited to announce that the Automated Materials Handling System (AMHS) sorting machines are now fully operational at all three of our buildings! We're also happy to **share the winners of our "Name the Machine" contest** on [our website](#).



New IHLS Advocacy & Education Committee

Open to Members & Staff

Applications Open Through Nov. 24, 2025

NEW!

Applications are now open for the new IHLS Advocacy & Education Committee. **We encourage our members to apply!** Learn more about committee member responsibilities and the selection process—and apply—on [our website](#).

Sr. Julia Theobald
Director, Sacred Heart
Convent

Brenton Lyons
Librarian, Ramsey High
School

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

Recurring Events



Monthly Each Third Thursday

Online Only

10–11 a.m.

Join us online for CE from a guest speaker discussing relevant topics in the library community.

This Month: Nov. 20

Demystifying Genre with Becky Spratford

Online Only

And then stay for...



Online Only

11 a.m.–Noon.

IHLS Board Member Virtual Meet & Greet

Board Experience & Elections Q&A

Nov. 17, 10 a.m.

NEW!

Join Board President Sarah Hill, Board Vice President Kristy Walker, and Board Secretary Ryan Johnson for a virtual meet-and-greet to hear and ask questions about their experiences on the IHLS board.

[Register for the Board Meet & Greet](#)



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ILLINOIS HEARTLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM

Proceeds fund a marketing micro-grant for IHLS member libraries.

Sale in the IHLS Store

Nov. 5 – 7, 2025

NEW!

Today through Friday, get 20% off all items purchased at the IHLS Store!

[Shop the Store Sale](#)

Call for Speakers for Big Talk from Small Libraries 2026

Deadline: Dec. 12, 2025

Conference Date: Feb. 27, 2026

Join our Members Matter meetings to stay updated on the latest news and connect with peers.

[Register for Both Events](#)

IHLS LIBRARY DIRECTORS' CHAT

**Thursdays 1–2
p.m.***

**except each third Thursday*

Next Chats:

Nov. 6, 13; Dec. 4, 11

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Directors Chats](#)

Grants

NEW
GRANTS *in the*
DATABASE

NEW!

Do you have a library service, program, or event that may interest other librarians? Have you used new technology, partnered with the community, or done something impressive? **Small libraries of all types** are encouraged to [submit a proposal](#) for this free one-day online conference.



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'Revolutionary Service: Preserving the Past, Empowering the Future'

Deadline: Nov. 11, 2026

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ALA – Digital Pathways: Online Health Literacy Programming For Adults

Deadline: Jan. 7, 2026

This pilot program will provide libraries with a resource package to support online health literacy programming.

ALA – Penguin Random House & United For Libraries Grants To U.S. Small and Rural Libraries

Deadline: Jan. 21, 2026

This initiative will serve rural and small libraries in need across the country through grant funds, education, and in-depth training for Friends groups.

NLM Information Resource Grants To Reduce Health Disparities and Promote Health For All

Deadline: May 25, 2026

250th birthday, amid a heightened need for library advocacy, Reaching Forward South focuses on the groundbreaking ways library service continues to evolve. The conference committee invites proposals about how your revolutionary library work serves your community.

[Submit an RFS Proposal](#)

'Illinois Public Library Standards'

The New Online 'Serving Our Public'

Get It Free from ILA

IHLS will no longer sell the books for *Serving Our Public* because ILA now has them available digitally. The new resource is called *Illinois Public Library Standards*, and ILA will update the website accordingly. Download the most recent version from [the ILA website](#).

Questions? Email illinoispubliclibrarystandards@ila.org



Directors and Trustees: Attend an iLEAD Online Workshop

Multiple Dates & Times

Online—New Dates Added!

This grant supports projects that improve access to health information for populations facing health disparities and for their providers, promoting health equity.

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NEH – National Digital Newspaper Program

CARLI, Orbis Cascade, & PALC Joint Statement On Intellectual Freedom at Libraries

NEW!

Last week, [CARLI](#), [Orbis Cascade](#), and [PALCI](#) released a [joint public statement](#) addressing the growing threats to free speech and intellectual freedom in libraries. Crafted by library consortium executive directors nationwide, it responds to challenges to academic freedom for library users.

Organizations are encouraged to share and adapt the statement as needed under a Creative Commons Attribution license.

eRead Illinois Boundless Collection Moving

A Message from RAILS

NEW!

Due to Baker & Taylor's abrupt closure, the Boundless app for the eRead Illinois collection has



My Library Is...

Telling Libraries' Stories of Impact on Communities

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

- [My Library Is... Supporting Student Learning](#) NEW!
- [My Library Is... Growing Graphic Novels](#)
- [My Library Is... Storied](#)
- [The Gwendolyn Brooks Library's Sensory Space: A Trauma-Informed Approach to Health and Wellness](#)

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

My Library Is... is a project by the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS), supported by IHLS through staff participation and promotion.

More Continuing Education

Free Webinars

Selected & Upcoming

NEW!

Nov. 11, 2 p.m.

Empowering Digital Citizens: A Classroom Initiative for Responsible Online Engagement

Have News to Share?

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

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19
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8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Virtual Event

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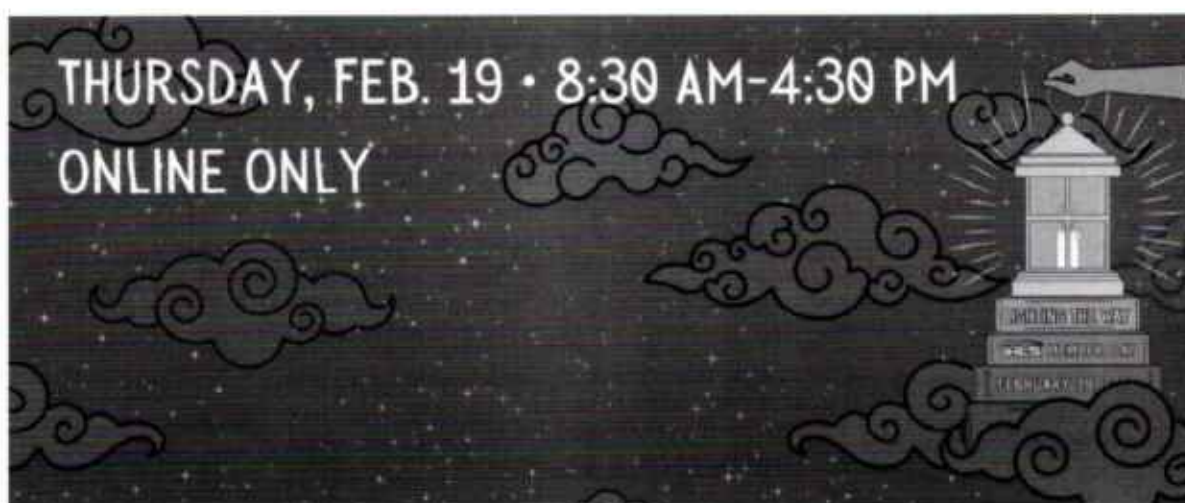


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10–11 a.m.

Directly Before Members Matter

Online through Zoom

Join us online each third Thursday, directly before IHLS Members Matter, to hear from a guest speaker about an important or emerging continuing education topic facing the library community. This month:

Demystifying Genre
with **Becky Spratford**
Readers' Advisory Specialist

Nothing is scarier than trying to help a fan of a genre you yourself don't enjoy. In this program, readers' advisory expert Becky Spratford will teach you the basic appeals

of the major genres, give you the inside track on what a fan of that genre is most drawn to, and provide you with talking points to get your genre readers to tell you what they want.

REGISTER NOW

Registration with an L2 account is required.

Registering for Third Thursdays CE automatically registers you for IHLS Members Matter.

Attend one or both online!



11 a.m.–noon

Directly after Third Thursday CE

Online through Zoom

IHLS Members Matter is your monthly opportunity to:

- **Get the latest scoop:** Hear news important to IHLS members with updates from IHLS, SHARE, and other library-related organizations.
- **Talk with IHLS staff:** IHLS staff will be on hand to answer your questions and offer support
- **Attend where you can:** Log in online to join us from home, work, your favorite coffee shop—wherever works for you!

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Note: There will be no regular Members Matter/Third Thursday event in **December**. Additionally, as of August 2025, these events are entirely virtual.

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11/6/25, 11:12 AM

This Third Thursday...

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IHLS Advocacy & Education Committee

Applications Now Open!

The IHLS Board of Directors has voted to **transform the Advocacy & Education Committee!** Now, in a new initiative aligned with the IHLS Strategic Plan, the Board is expanding the committee's membership to include IHLS members and staff.

The goal of this change is to provide our members with more opportunities to shape our advocacy efforts and connect with policymakers. That means we're inviting you—**our member library staff and trustees—to apply for this new iteration of the IHLS Advocacy & Education Committee!**

Applications are now **open through November 24, 2025**. Learn more about committee member responsibilities and the selection process—and apply—on [our website](#).

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Ask Ingram: A Demo + Q&A

Wednesday, November 5, 10 a.m.

Is Ingram opening new accounts? How would my library join? How long would it take? Do they offer processing, MARC records, or EDI?

Join Ingram's Bette Doris

via Zoom to learn more about [Ingram](#) as Bette answers all of these questions and more about ordering and collection development.

No matter the size, location, or niche, Ingram's tailor-made solutions, top-shelf service, and reliable resources help libraries of all types accomplish #TheLibraryLife.

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Dear IHLS Members and Colleagues,

I write with a mix of joy, gratitude, and sadness to announce the retirement of our beloved IHLS Associate Director, Ellen Popit, at the end of November. Ellen's well-deserved retirement marks 38 years of exemplary service to Illinois libraries.

From her early years working as a school librarian to her long career in library system work, Ellen has been **a pillar of the Illinois library community**. She has provided guidance and support to youth services librarians and school library educators for decades. And here at IHLS, we are especially grateful for her role in building the system since its founding in 2011.

In her long career, Ellen has served on the ILA Board of Directors and the Public Policy Committee, the Illinois Youth Services Institute, the Institute for School and Public Librarians, the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Awards board of directors, the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee, and others. In 2020, AISLE awarded Popit the Crystal Award, a statewide honor for distinguished support and contributions to school libraries in Illinois. Later, in 2024, ILA named Ellen an Illinois Library Luminary for her decades of exemplary service to Illinois libraries.

Ellen will retire on November 29, 2025. We invite you to share in her (requested) quiet retirement celebrations by **sending in words of appreciation and cherished memories**. We are collecting these notes in a book for her. You may **send these messages** [via email](#) for us to print and paste in the book or **via mail on 5x7" paper**.

We will follow up about the upcoming changes to the organizational chart soon. In the meantime, please **direct all questions to me, Leslie Bednar**, at lbednar@illinoisheartland.org or [618.474.9774](tel:618.474.9774).

Thanks,
Leslie Bednar



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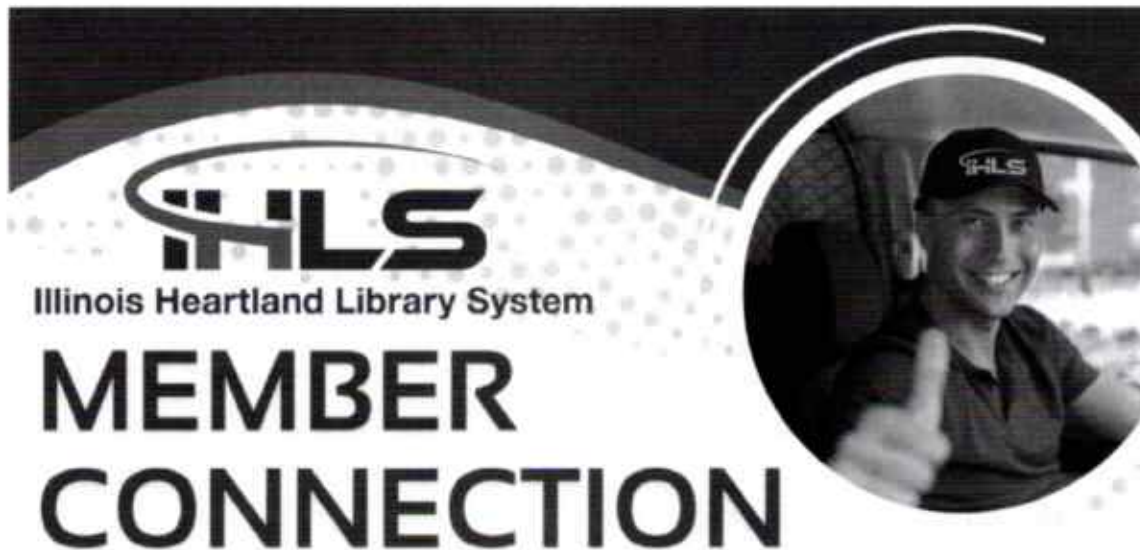
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IHLS Member News

Adult Mental Health First Aid

Don't Miss This Virtual Training!

Nov. 5 – 6, 12 p.m.

NEW!

We're partnering with the University of Illinois Extension to offer Adult Mental Health First Aid Training! The training will be held over two days.*

- **Registration deadline:** Oct. 20
- **Pework deadline:** Nov. 3

**NOTE: For certification at the training, attendance is required on both days. Registration for the first day automatically enrolls you for the second, as well.*

[Register for the Training](#)



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Librarian, Ramsey High
School

Marlaina Harper

Director, Sumpter
Township Library

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Kris Poole

Director, Onarga
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New Design in the IHLS Store

'Authors Are My Rockstars'

We have a **new design** available in the IHLS store! We're excited to present to you "**Authors Are My Rockstars**," a design that incorporates words from IHLS Continuing Education Coordinator Liaison **Kate Kite!** Get merch with this graphic in black or white!

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Application Information Coming Soon

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Grants

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Air Force Association Educator Grants

Deadline: Dec. 15, 2025

Every year, AFA awards \$20,000 in grants to 40 educators poised to make



Annual Meeting & Celebration + AMHS Ribbon-Cutting Carbondale, Ill.

Oct. 28, 2025, 3 – 5 p.m.

Join IHLS for a ribbon-cutting and tour of the newly installed AMHS at the IHLS Carbondale building. This is when **we will announce the winners of the "Name the Machine" contest.** After the tour, we'll enjoy more festivities, followed by the IHLS Board meeting.

[Register for the Annual Meeting](#)



Directors and Trustees: Attend an iLEAD Online Workshop

Multiple Dates & Times

Online—New Dates Added!

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

a lasting difference.

The Lemony Snicket Prize for Noble Librarians Faced With Adversity

Deadline: March 1, 2026

This award recognizes a librarian who has gone above and beyond the normal requirements of librarianship to stand up in the face of adversity with dignity and honor.

Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program

Deadline: April 14, 2026

This grant strengthens collaboration to support community coalitions in preventing youth substance use.

UPCOMING GRANT DEADLINES

Oct. 27, 2025

American Institute of
Physics – Grants To
Archives

Oct. 31, 2025

DAR – Historic Preservation
Grants
Mobile Beacon – Wi-Fi

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!

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For Libraries in & Near Illinois

Our Job Board is the perfect place to post your library job openings. With over 500 IHLS libraries and affiliates of other library organizations statewide, you can attract top talent to your library team.

[Post to the IHLS Library Job Board](#)

Other Upcoming CE Events



Everyday Teambuilding

A Library HR Webinar

Monday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m.

Lending Launch Kit

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NEW!

Team building is an ongoing process. Cohesion is shaped by the daily attitudes and actions of both leaders and team members. In this presentation, we'll walk through the habits that leaders and members can implement to build healthy, effective teams.

Organized by IHLS and led by the experts at AllOne Health.

Register for Everyday Teambuilding

'Write the Grant!'

A Virtual Hands-On Workshop

February 2026, Online Only

Applications Due Dec. 1

"Write the Grant!" is a no-cost, multi-week grant writing workshop that provides library staff with the basics of grant writing and hands-on experience. Grant Professional Lesley Zavediuk will simplify the grant writing process, and you'll walk away with real pieces of writing that you can use in future grant applications.

*Staff at IHLS public libraries with **service populations under 10,000** are welcome to apply for the first cohort. This first cohort is limited to **12 participants** to ensure a more interactive and collaborative learning experience.*

Apply for 'Write the Grant!'

Learn the Fundamentals of WorldShare Interlibrary Loan

Oct. 16, 7:30 – 9 a.m.

At ILA 2025, 2nd Floor North Ballroom, Room 29
Join OCLC for a session on the fundamentals of WorldShare Interlibrary Loan, where they'll cover all you need to know about setting up your WorldShare ILL subscription, explore automations, and discover practical tips to streamline your lending and borrowing workflows. A hot breakfast will be served to all who attend.

Please verify your OCLC membership status by checking the [OCLC Directory of Members](#) or contacting OCLC's Kate Howe at howek@oclc.org. Attendees must be registered for the ILA Conference. Seats are limited. Contact eventteam@oclc.org with questions.

Register for the OCLC Breakfast

PDA Webinars

Hosted by CARLI

The [Professional Development Alliance \(PDA\)](#) is a collaborative group of library consortia dedicated to offering **free online professional development opportunities** for library professionals.

- [Education Justice Project's Reentry Guides](#)
Nov. 3, 1 p.m.
- [Collaborating with Stakeholders to Support Underserved Communities with Reparative Collections](#)
Nov. 5, 10 a.m.
- [Developing an A.I. Chatbot for the Library](#)
Nov. 11, 1 p.m.
- [Librarianship at a Crossroads](#)
Nov. 13, noon

Narcan Administration: Spotting the Signs & Responding with Confidence

Sponsored by IHLS & RAILS

Nov. 13, 10 a.m., Online

In this workshop, [Live4Lali](#) will provide training to help you recognize the signs of an opioid overdose and confidently administer Narcan (naloxone) to reverse it. Participants will leave with practical, lifesaving skills they can use immediately in an emergency.

[Register for Narcan Administration](#)

Cataloging Maintenance Center

Cataloging Maintenance Center Announces 2026 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.

Still Searching: Databases and Search Tools for Subject Headings

Nov. 13, 2025

So, You Want to Start a Digitization Project

Dec. 11, 2025

Shall We Play a Game?: Cataloging Games

Jan. 8, 2026

So, You Want to Start a Digitization Project
Dec. 11, 2025

Explore Upcoming Webinars

FY2026 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!**

Cataloging Basics

Nov. 3 – Dec. 14, 2025

Subject Analysis

Jan. 26 – Feb. 22, 2026

Focus on Deriving a Record

March 9 – 22, 2026

Focus on Cataloging CDs

April 6 – 19, 2026

Explore Cataloging Courses

Delivery & AMHS Updates

Delivery Service

[IHLS Delivery Home](#) | [IHLS Delivery Help Desk](#)

Updated Transit Labels Now Available on IHLS and SHARE Websites

Good news! The transit labels on both the IHLS and SHARE websites have been updated with a fillable form for transit to another IHLS member library. Please ensure you use these updated labels when sending items for interlibrary loan or SHARE cataloging. Learn more on [our website](#).



Updates for SHARE Members Automated Material Handling System

[AMHS Project Info](#) | [Barcode Duplication](#)

SHARE members: IHLS Delivery is getting sorting machines! SHARE members should read up on the AMHS project and what steps they may need to take to ensure their materials are scannable.

Rubber Bands & Written Transit Information

In order to assist IHLS sorters, SHARE recommends that members use visual cues for items that should not be checked in during transit, such as damaged items and those on route for interlibrary loan outside of SHARE. See the full update [on our website](#).

Additional Updates

More news about the sorting machine project can be found in the *SHARE Member Notes* newsletter and on the *AMHS Project* webpage.

- [Recording Available for AMHS LIVE Q&A](#)
 - [AMHS Timeline Update May 29, 2025](#)
 - [Updates to Duplicator Kits Based on Survey Results](#)
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Partner News



***Can't Shelve This* Podcast**

Now Back for Season Two!

A podcast that aims to create a space for **school library workers** to feel seen, entertained, and informed. The series is co-hosted by RAILS Data Analyst Janette Derucki and IHLS School Library Membership Coordinator Leah Gregory.

Latest Episodes

- [Ep. 2.2: The One Where They Get Connected](#)
- [Ep. 2.1: Back to the Stacks](#)
- [Ep. 1.9: Thnks Fr Th Mmrs](#)
- [Ep. 1.8: An Airing of Grievances](#)

***Can't Shelve This** is a production of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) in collaboration with Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS).*

Learn More & Listen to the Podcast



Telling Libraries' Stories of Impact on Communities

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

- [My Library Is... Growing Graphic Novels](#)
- [My Library Is... Storied](#)
- [The Gwendolyn Brooks Library's Sensory Space: A Trauma-Informed Approach to Health and Wellness](#)
- [Small Upgrades, Big Impact: How Our Library Grant Created a More Inclusive, Tech-Friendly Space](#)

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

My Library Is... is a project by the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS), supported by IHLS through staff participation and promotion.

More Continuing Education

Free Webinars

Selected & Upcoming

NEW!

Oct. 21, 10 a.m.

Enhancing Discovery and Accessible Research
Pathways Through Metadata

Oct. 22, noon

"They asked you for WHAT?!" Helping Your Patrons
Outsmart Scammers and Avoid Fraud

Oct. 23, 1 p.m.

Scalability of Community-Based Participatory
Research: Older Adults and Technology

Oct. 29, 1 p.m.

Figuring Out Fair Use

Oct. 29, 2 p.m.

Tarot for Well-Being

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

[Go to This Month's Roundup](#)

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

Conferences

Health Science Librarians of Illinois 2025 Annual Conference

Nov. 11 – Nov. 13, 2025, Online

Nov. 14, 2025, in Champaign, Ill.

Library Marketing Communications Conference 2025

Nov. 11 – 13, 2025, in St. Louis, Mo.

IHLS Member Day 2026

Feb. 19, 2026, Online

Reaching Forward South 2026

April 10, 2026, O'Fallon, Ill.

Have News to Share?

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

[Submit a Story](#)

Quick Links

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