

**CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
PROPOSED AGENDA FOR 2/9/2022
7:00PM**

- 1. WELCOME**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 4. TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 5. BILLS AND INVOICES**
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS – Illinois Heartland Library System**
- 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. Village Board Meeting**
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Library Report - Lori Lamping**

ADJOURNMENT

- A. Next Tentative Meeting Date March 9, 2022**

CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

1/12/2022

1. Welcome

2. ROLL CALL:

Board Members: Sara Faulkner, Julie Kolosky (remote), Carol LeClaire, and Vicky Shell, were present at the 1/12/2022 Clifton Library Board meeting. Lori Lamping, Head Library Clerk, was also present. Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Minutes for the November 10, 2021, meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Carol., seconded by Sara Minutes approved.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Checking Account balance for November 30, 2021: \$3,850.76

Savings Account balance for November 30, 2021: \$71,203.41

CD amount for November 30, 2021: \$14,249.60

Cash Drawer amount is \$50.00

Checking Account balance for December 31, 2021: \$2,001.17

Savings Account balance for December 31, 2021: \$71,206.43

CD amount as of December 31, 2021: \$14,256.71

Cash Drawer amount is \$50.00

Motion to approve the treasurers report by Carol, seconded by Sara. Treasurer's report approved.

5. BILLS AND INVOICES:

Staples \$200.77 Ink (\$271.78 minus \$26.00 rewards and \$45.01 coupons)

Amazon \$15.99 Label protectors

The Advocate subscription 2022 \$26.00

Total \$242.76.

Amazon Per Capita 11/15/21 \$112.56

11/23/21 \$176.10

1/11/22 \$321.25

TOTAL \$609.91

Motion to accept the bills to be paid by Carol. seconded by Sara, all approved

6. Communications:

Illinois Heartland Library System report was emailed out to Board members for review prior to the meeting.

7. Unfinished Business:

Village Board Meeting – Discussed Carole attending the village board meetings as a Clifton Public Library representative.

8. New Business:

Library Report

Received \$12.99 and \$14.99 for lost books

Donation was received from Jeff Kuhar for \$200.00

Amazon refunds for preorders that were cheaper when they came in: \$1.16 and \$1.49

Juneteenth is a federal holiday on Monday, June 20th, 2022, and will be observed by the Clifton Public Library.

Dea was off with Covid and returned to work after a medical release was provide by the doctor.

Newsletter will be online only; copies will no longer be delivered. Posting copies around town.

CCLD member lost items with a value of \$227.84. Suggested sending bill and asking if maybe books were returned to the wrong library.

The Open Meetings and Freedom of Information on line has been down for a year and is now back up.

Bingo proceeds will be donated to Tyler Bailey family.

Overdrive app will be changing to Libby.

Library Staff evaluations were reviewed and approved. Motion by Julie, second by Carol. All approved.

Motion to approve the library report by Carol seconded by Sara. All approved

9. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm, motion to adjourn by Nicole B., seconded by Sara F. The next meeting is February 9, 2022, at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vicky Shell, President



February 2, 2022

New Library Censorship and Book Challenges Resource Page

In light of the recent challenges to materials in school and other libraries, including organized challenges, IHLS has developed a Censorship and Book Challenges resource page. Read IHLS's statement of support for school libraries and AISLE. Educate yourself and your library staff with the resources here. The best way to confront challenges to library materials is before they arise. Visit the "Be Prepared" section to ensure your library is prepared for a challenge and for ideas to resolve a complaint before it escalates. If you are in the middle of a challenge, go directly to AISLE's resource kit and the ALA's Office of Intellectual Freedom. A challenge in any library is a challenge to intellectual freedom everywhere.

[Visit the Library Censorship Page](#)

Inclement Winter Weather Notice

Wednesday, Feb. 2

All routes from the **Champaign** and **Edwardsville** delivery hubs are **cancelled** and offices are **closed**. The **Carbondale** office is open and routes are running as usual.

Thursday, Feb. 3


WELCOME!

Welcome to the following new library directors:

- **Alissa Newlin,**
Milford District
Library

ALL ROUTES are cancelled and **ALL OFFICES** are closed.


We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your understanding. Be safe!



TEXT & EMAIL ALERTS

**Weather Delays
Building Closures
Route Changes**

Text CARBONDALE,
CHAMPAIGN,
or EDWARDSVILLE
to 84483



System-wide notifications will be sent to all subscribers. Applicable service provider message rates apply.

For email alerts, visit RainedOut.net, search for "Illinois Heartland Library System," and follow the on-screen prompts.

NEW SHARE members can now text **POLARIS** to **84483** to receive urgent alerts about interruptions and issues with Polaris.



Illinois Library Association
LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE
MEET-UPS

Please Join IHLS Staff at an ILA Library

Did we miss you? [Let us know](#) and we'll put you in our next newsletter.

IHLS LIBRARY DIRECTORS' CHAT

Thursdays 1-2 p.m.*

*except each third Thursday

**Next Chats:
Feb. 3, 10, 24**

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THIRD THURSDAYS CE

Each Third Thursday at 10 a.m.

*except each third Thursday

**Next Third Thursdays:
Feb. 17, March 17**

Join us monthly for an important and timely library topic. Sometimes we'll host a full continuing

Legislative Meet-Up

Metro East & Southern Illinois

Feb. 14, 10-11 a.m.

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[Learn More & Register](#)

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[Nomination Forms Due Feb. 15](#)

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- Live and Learn Construction Grants

Find this grant and more on the [IHLS Grants Page](#).

Annual Certification & ILLINET Traffic Survey

Due March 31

To retain system membership, each library needs to complete its annual certification for system membership between Jan. 3 and March 31, 2022. Certification is a two-step process. The **first** part of the two-step process is the completion of the ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Traffic Survey. The **second** step is to complete the Annual Certification form through the Library Directory & Learning Calendar (L2) website. The certification form verifies that the library is compliant with the membership criteria outlined in the Illinois Administrative Code.

For help completing the forms, including access to links, demo videos, and who to call or email for help, visit the [Annual Certification & ILLINET Traffic Survey](#) page of the IHLS website.

Please don't hesitate to contact a member of our membership team if you need help!

[Learn More about Annual Certification](#)

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programming section, including live virtual programming and age-specific group programming of all types. As always, the instructions and survey itself are available on the [Illinois State Library LibPAS Portal](#). Library directors will receive a reminder email 60 days before the report is due for each library. For more information, visit the [Illinois State Library](#) IPLAR webpage.

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For more details and to apply, [visit the Illinois State Library webpages](#).

Return an Item to Any Library in Illinois

Did you know that your patrons can borrow items from your library, return them to any library in Illinois, and the items will get back to your library?

For example: One of your patrons has items from your library in their car that travel with them to another part of the state. The patron can simply put those items in a library drop box anywhere in Illinois and they will be routed back to your library. This is one of the truly great and little-known Illinois resource-sharing perks of having IHLS Delivery partner with libraries across the state. It's also why it is so important to have your library address and information stamped somewhere on the item.



CMC Catalogs: The World Language Collection at United Township High School

One of the Cataloging Maintenance Center's (CMC) recent projects is the cataloging of a world language collection for United Township High School, a public high school in East Moline, IL. This collection primarily contains Arabic fiction novels and short stories, although it also contains other languages, including French. Some items were originally written in the world languages, and some are translations. One of these translations was the English-to-Arabic *To Kill a Mockingbird*, written by Harper Lee. To catalog this item, cataloger Mary Cornell...[Read More](#)

Two Sources of Help for Cataloging Materials in World Languages

Looking for help cataloging materials in world languages? There are two statewide programs that can help. Both programs are supported by a grant from the Illinois State Library and are free to Illinois library system members.

The [Cataloging Maintenance Center](#) (CMC) is operated by Illinois Heartland Library System and provides a number of cataloging services: cataloging training, database cleanup, oral transcriptions, special collections consulting, and bibliographic services. Bib services include original and copy cataloging for print and electronic materials by Illinois authors and illustrators, local histories, genealogies, realia, one-of-a-kind items, and sub-collections pertaining to specific fields or areas of study (special collections) as defined by the library—*such as materials in world languages*.

The [World Language Cataloging Services Program](#) is operated by Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) and provides original and copy cataloging for

materials in world languages that are considered part of the library's regular collection, as opposed to being a special collection. Each library makes that determination.

Both programs are available to all system members at no cost to help with cataloging materials in world languages and other needs. To learn more about how either program can help your library, contact the CMC at 618-467-8649 or pthomas@illinoisheartland.org or the World Language Cataloging Services Program at 630.734.5128 or nincy.george@rallslibraries.info.

Is Your Library Doing Civic Engagement Work?

Sarah Rice, one of the ILA Reporter committee members, is writing an article on civic engagement, primaries, voting, and engaging your community. She would like to find out what people are doing beyond civic engagement. If your library or one you know has done civic engagement work that you would like to share, please [contact Sarah](#).



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Library Resource Highlight

Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections

[Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections](#) is a newspaper digitization collection by the University of Illinois. The works collected include digital facsimiles of newspapers and trade journals in a variety of fields. Users may search, browse, tag, and correct OCR text to improve searchability and access. The [Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections](#) are free to search, free to browse, and free to download. In all, there are five collections on the site,

containing 182 newspaper titles and 204,967 issues. Collections include Illinois Newspapers; Farm, Field and Fireside (farm newspapers); American Popular Entertainment (vaudeville newspapers); Collegiate Chronicle (student newspapers); and Black Newspapers.

Find this and other resources on the [Resources for Libraries page](#) of the IHLS website



Congratulations to Illinois Libraries Present

Congratulations to Illinois Libraries Present on a successful first event! Over 1200 patrons from 176 public libraries statewide registered for *An Evening with Silvia Moreno Garcia* in conversation with Gus Moreno. Some of the feedback from attendees:

"It was a wonderfully candid conversation between two very interesting authors!"

"This was just an excellent event! It exceeded my expectations. Thanks so much!"

"It was even better than I had expected. It was such a rich and intimate conversation that just flowed between Gus & Silvia. I was so inspired. Thank you! Please offer more of these presentations."

[Illinois Libraries Present](#) makes it possible for communities of all sizes—even those with a single library staff member—to access high-quality, virtual programming with nationally known authors.

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Telling libraries' stories of impact on communities

[Sharing Showcase: An Idea File for Flyers, Marketing Plans, How Are Libraries Telling Their Stories?](#)

The [My Library Is...Sharing Showcase](#) is a place for sharing examples and templates of all these storytelling resources, a place where you can get ideas from others and share your favorite communication pieces and plans. Check it out, and then maybe add your own.

Recent additions to the My Library Is... blog:

- [Specialized Library Spotlight: Illinois Service Resource Center](#)
- [RAILS Libraries Fill Vital Community Needs During the Pandemic](#) (1/31/2022)
- [The My Library Is... Survey Results Are In!](#) (1/25/2022)
- [Small Towns. Big Conversations](#) (1/24/2022)
- [Specialized Library Spotlight: Chicago Botanic Garden—Lenhardt Library](#) (1/24/2022)

Think you have an idea for a topic or writer for the [My Library Is... blog](#)? Contact IHLS Marketing Coordinator [Shandi Greve Penrod](#).

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More Continuing Education

Webinars & Virtual Events

[Making Your Press Releases More Effective](#)

Feb. 3

[Growing Digital Equity Through Community Partnerships](#)

Feb. 3

[ILA Noon Network: Perfect Pairings: Libraries and Little Free Pantries](#)

Feb.9

[Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Your Library: How to Start Talking About DEI](#)

Feb. 10

[ILA Young Adult Services Forum Professional Development](#)

Feb. 10

[Library Marketing Strategies That Get Results](#)

Feb. 17

[ILA Marketing Forum Roundtable](#)

Feb. 18

["Let's Talk Race" Toolkits](#)

Feb. 22

[ILA Noon Network: New Job Toolkits: Blending Community and Library Resources to Aid Jobseekers](#)

Feb. 28

[Taking Care of Self, Staff, and Community](#)

March 10

[ARSL Professional Development Book Club: Sustainable Thinking](#)

March 29

[Library 2.0 Mini-Conference: Virtual Reality and Learning: Leading the Way](#)

March 29

Conferences

[Public Library Association 2022 Conference](#)

March 23-25; Portland, Ore.

[Reaching Forward South](#)

April 8; iHOTEL, Champaign, Ill.

[Reaching Forward](#)

May 6; Rosemont, Ill.

[ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition 2022](#)

June 23-28; Washington, D.C.

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](#)



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Dear Public Library Trustee,

Today we're writing because the library board you currently serve is part of Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS). **We are looking for four public library trustees to serve on our IHLS board.**

[Illinois Heartland Library System](#) is one of the three library systems in Illinois [created by the state](#) to serve and strengthen library services for Illinoisans—including facilitating resource sharing and interlibrary delivery. **If you're a current IHLS library trustee and someone who wants to strengthen libraries**, wishes to make a difference for **Illinoisans**, and can balance being a **community member and a library advocate**, then you may be just the person we're looking for.



7 reasons you should serve as a Public Library Trustee Representative

1. Learn how your library is served by IHLS and better position your library to take advantage of these services;
2. Grow your board knowledge through training and experience on a state agency board;
3. Strengthen professional skills and network with library trustees and leaders from across central and southern Illinois;
4. Act as a steward of public funds;
5. Contribute to setting system policies;
6. Advocate for libraries in the community; and
7. Be part of an organization that directly affects 524 public, school, academic, and special libraries in Illinois!

Why some of our board members choose to 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 choose to serve on the IHLS board (recorded spring 2021)

A small investment of time and effort serving as a board member helps to ensure that Illinois Heartland Library System and libraries throughout central and southern Illinois are providing taxpayers with the best possible services and resources available. [Visit the IHLS website Board Nominations page](#) to learn more.

The self-nomination deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 15

Learn more about serving on the IHLS Board

 [Forward to Another Library Trustee](#)



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January 19, 2022

A graphic featuring the IHLS logo above the text "MEMBERS MATTER" in large, bold, blue letters, all contained within a blue rectangular box.

IHLS Members Matter

Thursday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m.

Special presentation: Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Part One

We invite IHLS members and staff from around central and southern Illinois to our bi-monthly membership forum, **IHLS Members Matter**. These meetings are where you can hear the latest system news from IHLS, updates from the Illinois State Library, and from a guest speaker on an important or arising topic facing the library community. Members Matter meetings are also opportunities for you to share with IHLS staff and leadership your thoughts, needs, and how IHLS can better help provide you with the tools you need to make your library successful.

This month's special topic: Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Part One, an introduction to EDI through the lens of history and collective experiences. We'll explore "why are we talking about this?" with self-reflection practices. *Presented by Christine Westerlund*

[Register for IHLS Members Matter](#)



Illinois Library Association
LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE
MEET-UPS

**Please Join IHLS Staff at Your Area's ILA
Library Legislative Meetup**

Central Illinois: Jan. 28, 8-9 a.m.

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[Feb. 15 **DATE EXTENDED**](#)

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SOS Departments and Driver Services Facilities to Remain Closed until Jan. 24

[Online services remain open](#)

Out of an abundance of caution and due to the continued high numbers of new COVID-19 cases statewide, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has announced that all Secretary of State departments, including driver services facilities, will remain closed until Monday, Jan. 24, contingent on COVID trends in the state. White continues encouraging the public to visit ilsos.gov for online services. [Read More](#)

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Upcoming Cataloging Classes

[Online with the CMC: Dublin' Down on Dublin Core](#)

Thursday, Jan. 20, 10-11 a.m.

Dublin Core, vocabulary terms usually used to describe digital resources, will be discussed, as well as the history and background of Dublin Core, variations, elements, and how to crosswalk the data. *Presenter: Dr. Pamela Thomas*

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IHLS Supports AISLE Statement on Attempts to Censor or Remove Books from School Libraries

Illinois Heartland Library System supports AISLE in opposing attempts to censor or remove books from school libraries. [AISLE's statement reads](#), in part:

AISLE is opposed to any attempt to force the removal of materials from school libraries. We strongly condemn recent efforts, by force or intimidation, to remove works that focus on or document the experiences of members of the LGBTQIA+ or BIPOC communities. We oppose censorship and any effort that limits or denies access to materials to coerce belief, suppress opinion or punish those whose expression does not conform to a singular point-of-view of history, politics, or religion.

If you'd like to learn more about book challenges and intellectual freedom:

- [AISLE Intellectual Freedom Resource Kit](#)
- [ILA Intellectual Freedom Committee article "The Time Is Now: Preparing for Challenges to Library Resources"](#)
- [ILA Noon Network webinar: "Beyond Banned Books: Defending Intellectual Freedom Throughout Your Library with Kristin Pekoll" \(Jan. 31\)](#)
- [ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association "Intellectual Freedom News 12/31/2021"](#)
- [ALA Intellectual Freedom: Issues and Resources](#)



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Municipal Minute

The [Municipal Minute](#) is a legal blog that focuses on the changes and ramifications of municipal and state law changes. Articles are published by Julie Tappendorf, an equity partner at the Ancel Glink law firm in Chicago and who represents clients in local government, land use, social media, and litigation matters.

Find this and other resources on IHLS's [Resources for Libraries page](#)



New ILP Members

Thank you to all who have signed up for the pilot season of Illinois Libraries Present! Membership has closed for the current membership period. IHLS joins ILP in welcoming the following new member libraries to their programming co-op:

- Barclay Public Library District
- Bethalto Public Library District
- C.E. Brehm Memorial Public Library District
- Carbondale Public Library
- Carlinville Public Library
- Central Citizens' Library District
- Centralia Regional Library District
- Charleston Carnegie Public Library
- Chatham Area Public Library District
- Chester Public Library

[view all 46 participating libraries](#)

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graphics, making promotion and event registration as easy as sharing pre-made messages.

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Exciting Changes Are Coming to the BiblioBoard Platform and Inkie.org

The RAILS team is refocusing the content that is available on the BiblioBoard platform and rebranding it as Inkie.org Library. The revised platform will exclusively feature content by Illinois authors, creators, and communities.

[Learn More](#)



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Recent additions to the My Library Is... blog:

- [My Library is... Fostering Kindness - Lisle Library District](#) (1/13/2022)
- [Specialized Library Spotlight: Kane County Law Library and Self Help Legal Center](#) (1/10/2022)

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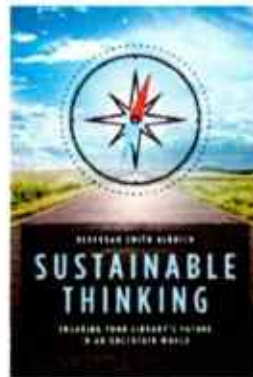
More Continuing Education

Working with Fire Professionals, presented by Chief John High

Jan. 25, 2 p.m.

The CARLI Preservation Committee is pleased to invite Illinois libraries to join the webinar Working with Fire Professionals, presented by Chief John High of the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI). This program, described fully below, will look at identifying fire hazards, how to prevent them, and how the fire department will respond to the call.

[Read More on the CARLI Website](#)



ARSL Announces Inaugural Professional Development Book Club Pick

First event: [March 29](#)

The ARSL Continuing Education Committee is pleased to announce the inaugural discussion selection for the ARSL Professional Development Book Club! Everyone, regardless of ARSL membership status, is invited to join us for a quarterly discussion about a professional development title that is relevant to the needs of library professionals working in rural and small libraries. Our winter quarter (January-March) meeting will be held March 29 and feature an interactive discussion of Rebekkah Smith Aldrich's landmark book *Sustainable Thinking: Ensuring Your Library's Future in an Uncertain*

World.

[Learn More on the ARSL Website](#)

Webinars

[Promote Community Engagement and Challenge Prejudice with a Human Library](#)

Jan. 20

[ILA Marketing Forum Roundtable](#)

Jan. 21

[ILA Noon Network: Youth Literature and Education Students in an Online World](#)

Jan. 26

[Weeding Your Collection: What Can Go Wrong?](#)

Jan. 27

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IHLS Libraries,

Is your library holding in-person programs, or are you pivoting to virtual? Is building entry business as usual, or are you limiting library hours or the number of patrons? And, **what are other libraries doing right now?**

In the wake of Omicron, **help us help you** by adding your library's status to this shared document. Participation is optional but VERY helpful and should only take 1 to 2 minutes.

[Add to the Shared Doc](#)

In order to capture a moment in time, this tool will only be open for entries **now through 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14**. Afterward, the locked document will remain viewable indefinitely and will be located on the [IHLS COVID-19 page](#). Historical information is also available in subsequent tabs of this document.

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,
Ellen Popit, Associate Director

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IHLS Supports AISLE Statement on Attempts to Censor or Remove Books from School Libraries

Illinois Heartland Library System supports AISLE in opposing attempts to censor or remove books from school libraries. [AISLE's statement reads](#), in part:

AISLE is opposed to any attempt to force the removal of materials from school libraries. We strongly condemn recent efforts, by force or intimidation, to remove works that focus on or document the experiences of members of the LGBTQIA+ or BIPOC communities. We oppose censorship and any effort that limits or denies access to materials to coerce belief, suppress opinion or punish those whose expression does not conform to a singular point-of-view of history.

politics, or religion.

If you'd like to learn more about book challenges and intellectual freedom:

- [AISLE Intellectual Freedom Resource Kit](#)
- [ILA Intellectual Freedom Committee article "The Time Is Now: Preparing for Challenges to Library Resources"](#)
- [ILA Noon Network webinar: "Beyond Banned Books: Defending Intellectual Freedom Throughout Your Library with Kristin Pekoll" \(Jan. 31\)](#)
- [ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association "Intellectual Freedom News 12/31/2021"](#)
- [ALA Intellectual Freedom: Issues and Resources](#)

Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grants

Deadline: Jan. 15, 2022

The Public Library Per Capita Grant was established to assist public libraries to improve and increase library services within their service areas. Grant amounts of up to \$1,475 per person served are available, on an annual basis, to all Illinois local public libraries.

The Equalization Aid Grant was established to help public libraries with a low library tax base to ensure a minimum level of funding for library services.

[Get Grant Details on the ISL Website](#)



ILA Announces 2022 Library Legislative Meetup Dates

Central Illinois: Jan. 28, 8-9 a.m.

Metro East & Southern Illinois: Feb. 14, 10-11

WELCOME!

Welcome to the following new library directors:

- Joel Pikora, Mascoutah Public Library

Did we miss you? Let us know at communications@illinoisheartland.org and we'll put you in our next newsletter.

IHLS LIBRARY DIRECTORS' CHAT

Thursdays 1-2 p.m.*

*except each third Thursday

Next Chats:
Jan. 6, 13, 27

[Registration Requested](#)

[Directors' Chat transcript archive](#)

a.m.

Once again, Illinois Heartland Library System is joining the Illinois Library Association at the annual ILA Library Legislative Meet-Ups, and **we encourage library trustees, directors, and staff from public, school, and academic libraries to attend and participate.**

These events provide opportunities to meet with your legislators and hear their thoughts first-hand about issues affecting libraries in your area. *All* elected officials on the state and federal levels are invited by ILA to attend.

[Learn More & Register](#)

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THIRD THURSDAYS **CE**

IHLS Third Thursdays CE

SAVE THESE DATES: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17

Join us every third Thursday at 10 a.m. to discuss or learn about an exciting new topic. Sometimes we'll host a full continuing education webinar featuring IHLS staff or guests, and sometimes we'll incorporate a mini CE program into our Members Matter membership update events.

Jan. 20, 10 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

Join us in taking a look at Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Accessibility (EDIA) and why it matters.

Registration info coming soon

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

Jan. 15

- Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grants
- Live and Learn Construction Grant

Jan. 17

- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Science Kits for Public Libraries Grant

Find this grant and more on the [IHLS Grants Page](#).



Upcoming Cataloging Classes

[Online with the CMC: Doublin' Down on Dublin Core](#)

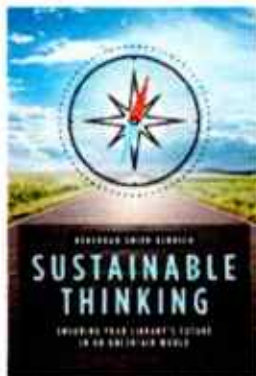
Thursday, Jan. 20, 10-11 a.m.

Dublin Core, vocabulary terms usually used to describe digital resources, will be discussed, as well as the history and background of Dublin Core, variations, elements, and how to crosswalk the data. *Presenter: Dr. Pamela Thomas*



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Library News



ARSL Announces Innaugural Professional Development Book Club Pick

[First event: March 29](#)

The ARSL Continuing Education Committee is pleased to announce the inaugural discussion selection for the ARSL Professional Development Book Club! Everyone, regardless of ARSL membership status, is invited to join us for a quarterly discussion about a professional development title that is relevant to the needs of library professionals working in rural and small libraries. Our

winter quarter (January-March) meeting will be held March 29 and feature an interactive discussion of Rebekkah Smith Aldrich's landmark book *Sustainable Thinking: Ensuring Your Library's Future in an Uncertain World*.

[Learn More on the ARSL Website](#)



New ILP Members

Thank you to all who have signed up for the pilot season of Illinois Libraries Present! If you haven't already done so, please submit your signed inter-governmental agreement no later than Jan. 31.

A membership with [Illinois Libraries Present](#) makes it possible for communities of all sizes—even those with a single library staff member—to access high-quality, virtual programming with nationally known authors. Members also gain access to suites of marketing materials and graphics, making promotion and event registration as easy as sharing pre-made messages.

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Exciting Changes Are Coming to the BiblioBoard Platform and Inkie.org

The RAILS team is refocusing the content that is available on the BiblioBoard platform and rebranding it as Inkie.org Library. The revised platform will exclusively feature content by Illinois authors, creators, and communities.

[Learn More](#)

My Library Is...

Telling libraries' stories of impact on communities

[Sharing Showcase: An Idea File for Flyers, Marketing Plans, How Are Libraries Telling Their Stories?](#)

The [My Library Is...Sharing Showcase](#) is a place for sharing examples and templates of all these storytelling resources, a place where you can get ideas from others and share your favorite communication pieces and plans. Check it out, and then maybe add your own.

Need help, or think you might want to write for the My Library Is... blog? Email IHLS Marketing Coordinator [Shandi Greve Penrod](#).

Recent additions to the My Library Is... blog:

- [Spotlight Specialized Library: Forefront](#) (1/4/2022)
- [Pandemic Programming - Baby Goats, Churros, and Pumpkins](#) (1/3/2022)

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Continuing Education

Webinars

[ILA Noon Network: Breaking Canons and Building Community: Zines, DEI, and the Academic Library](#)

Jan. 12

[Libraries and Eviction: Further Questions and Answers](#)

Jan. 12

[Plan a Campaign to Draw People Back Into Your Libraries](#)

Jan. 13

[Career Pathway Talk Series: How to Network Effectively](#)

Jan. 19

[Promote Community Engagement and Challenge Prejudice with a Human Library](#)

Jan. 20

[ILA Marketing Forum Roundtable](#)

Jan. 21

[ILA Noon Network: Youth Literature and Education Students in an Online World](#)

Jan. 26

[Weeding Your Collection: What Can Go Wrong?](#)

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