

**CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING  
PROPOSED AGENDA FOR 1/8/2025  
7:00 PM**

- 1. WELCOME**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 4. LIBRARY STAFF EVALUATIONS (Closed session)**
- 5. TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 6. BILLS AND INVOICES**
- 7. COMMUNICATIONS – Illinois Heartland Library System**
- 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - A. Village Board Meeting**
- 9. LITTLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**
- 10. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. LIBRARY REPORT – Tia Varns**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT**
  - A. Next Tentative Meeting Date February 12, 2025**

CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

11/13/2024

**1. Welcome**

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Board Members: Nicole Brough, Sarah Faulkner, Liz Wauthier, Julie Kolosky, Carol LeClaire, and Vicky Shell were present at the 11/13/2024 Clifton Library Board meeting, called to order at 7:07 pm. Tia Varns, head Library Clerk was also present.

**3. SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Meeting minutes from October 14, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Julie, seconded by Nicole. Minutes were approved.

**4. STAFF CHRISTMAS BONUS:**

Discussion of Christmas bonus for Head Library Clerk and library staff. \$50 for Head Library Clerk and \$25 for library staff. Carol made a motion to approve bonuses, Sarah seconded. Bonuses were approved.

**5. 2025 CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Emailed to trustees and will be posted in paper

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Checking 10/31/2024 – \$3,434.93

Savings 10/31/2024 – \$63,354.08

CD 10/31/2024 – \$15,052.67

Cash Drawer – 10/31/2024 - \$50.00

Nicole made a motion to approve the treasurers report, seconded by Carol. All approved.

**7. BILLS AND INVOICES:**

Real Estate Tax credit \$10567.45 Income

Received donation from Watseka Library \$118.42

Amazon \$204.92 for color toner

Carol made a motion to approve the bills & invoices, seconded by Julie. All approved.

**8. Communications:**

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

**9. Unfinished Business:**

Village Board Meeting

Continued Discussion of Little Free Public Library Project – Discussed the sale of memorial bricks

**10. New Business:**

**Library Report – Tia Varns**

Went through the rest of The Standards of Public Libraries. Ch 7 – Collection Management, Ch 8 – System Member Responsibilities & Resource Sharing, Ch 9 – Public Services, Ch 10 – Programming, Ch 11 – Youth/YA Services, Ch 12 Technology, and Ch 13 – Marketing.

FOIA Carol and Liz still need to finish, will get with Tia to finish

Going Batty program with Midewin TallGrass Prairie

Haunted house craft on October 31, 10 participated

Dinovember had first event, 5 participants

1<sup>st</sup> week of December “Cocoa & Craft”

Applied for iRead grant, but were rejected, will try again next year. This was the first year applying.

Motion to approve the Library Report by Julie, seconded by Liz, all approved.

**11. Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm, moved to adjourn by Julie, seconded by Carol. Approved. The next meeting is January, 8, 2025 at 7:00pm.

**Respectfully submitted, Nicole Brough, Secretary**

**IHLS Member Connection – Jan. 2, 2025**

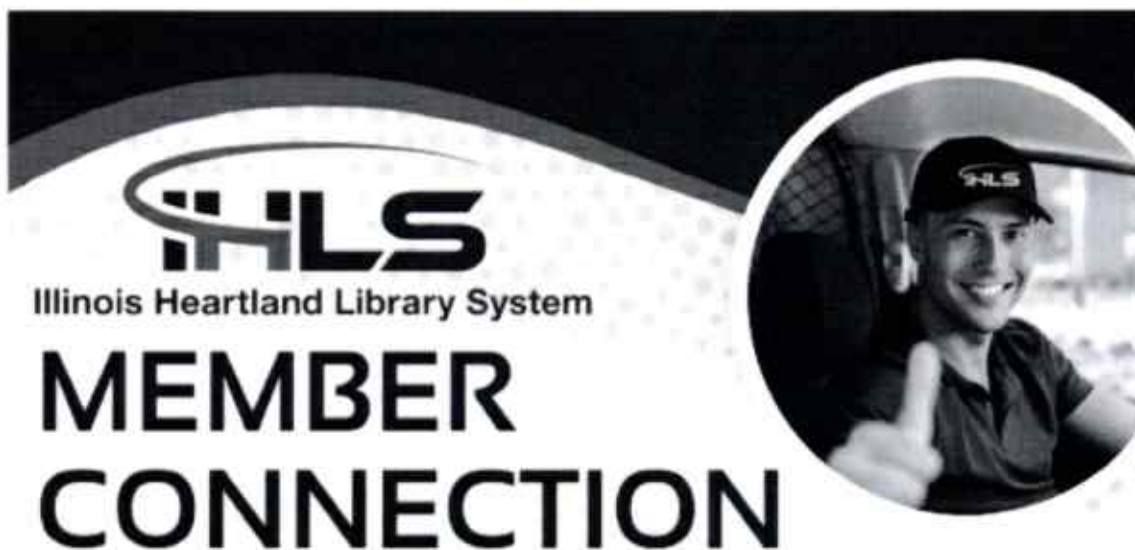
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Jan. 2, 2025



**Happy New Year from IHLS**

**Wishing You a Joyous 2025!**

**NEW**

We hope you've had a lovely holiday. Now, we're looking forward to another beautiful

year of serving our fabulous members!

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## IHLS Member News

### Grant Writing Tips & Tricks for Library Staff

#### An IHLS-Sponsored Webinar

Jan. 23, 2025, 10 a.m.

**NEW**

Join Grant Professional Lesley Zavediuk for an engaging session full of practical tips and tricks for grant-writing beginners. Whether you're just getting started or looking to build confidence, you'll gain valuable insights to help you succeed.

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*in our next newsletter!*

## Recurring Events



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## More Continuing Education

### Free Webinars

#### Selected & Upcoming

**NEW**

Jan. 7, 3 p.m.

Spark Joy, Achieve Growth: Student-Centered Literacy Strategies

Jan. 8, 9 a.m.

Empowering Libraries to Support Caregivers: Essential Resources and Strategies

Jan. 9, Noon

The Power of Mental Health First Aid

Jan. 14, 2 p.m.

Why Your Annual Report Should Be a Marketing Tool and Not a Snooze

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

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### Quick Links

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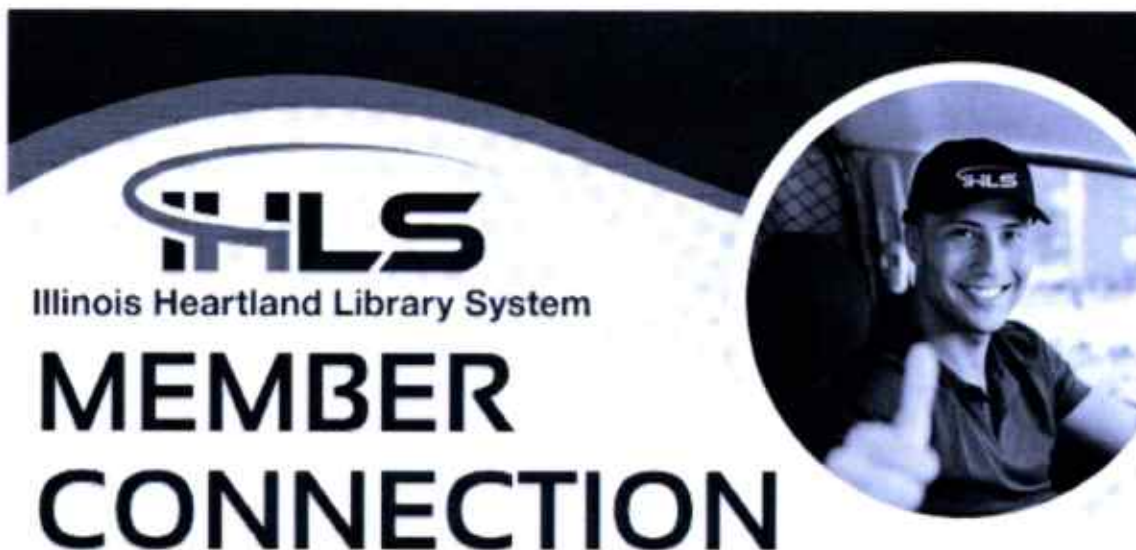
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# MEMBER CONNECTION

Dec. 18, 2024



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## Public Libraries: Show Your Community's ROI with Our New Flyer

Share Our Version or Adapt it for Your Library!

With many public libraries advocating for important changes, such as levy increases or area annexations, in the upcoming Consolidated Municipal Elections, these members have an increased need for advocacy support. With this in mind, we've created a **printable and editable infographic!**

[View the Flyer & Learn More](#)

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## IHLS Offices & Delivery Closed for the Holidays

### IHLS Closure Dates:

Dec. 24–25, 2024, & Dec. 31, 2024–Jan. 1, 2025

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Learn how to get involved in Libraries with Heart in our [Resources for Libraries Database!](#)

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## HR Minute: Exemption Status Update

### Slides Available

HR Director Jill Trevino's presentation slides on the employee exemption status update from the Nov. 21, 2024, Members Matter event are now available. [Review and download them on our website.](#)

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## IHLS Marketing Microgrant Now Open

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So far, WUDL has used Elanco grant funds to purchase one computer with new software. The library now provides five public computers. The

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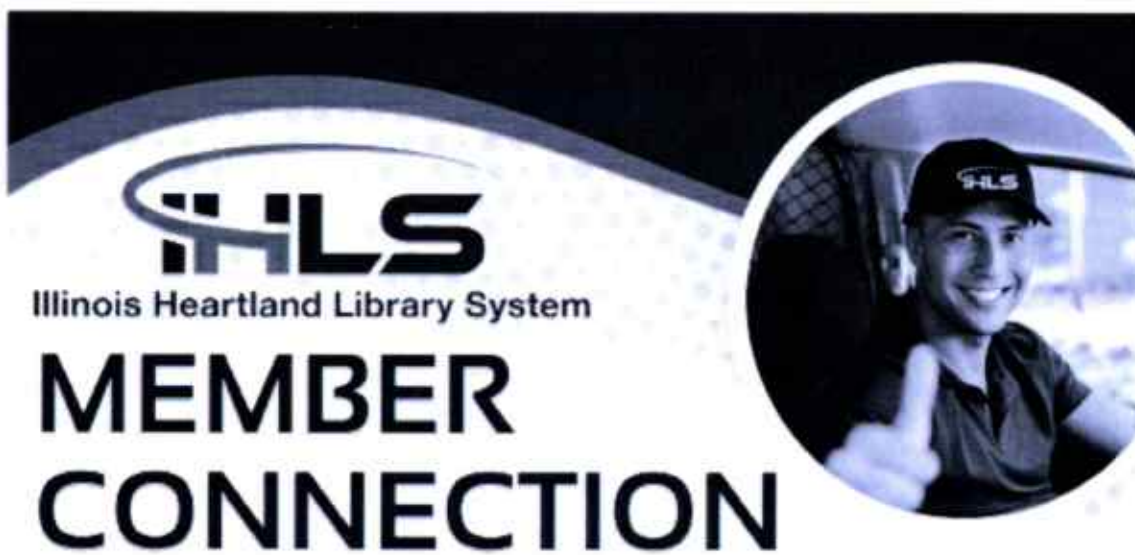
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Dec. 4, 2024

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**These public libraries cost an average of \$45 per capita each year.**

That's about 3 months of an ad-free streaming service or 3 new books.



= \$45 =



# Public Libraries: Show Your Community's ROI with Our New Flyer

Share Our Version or Adapt it for Your Library!

**NEW**

With many public libraries advocating for important changes, such as levy increases or area annexations, in the upcoming Consolidated Municipal Elections, these members have an increased need for advocacy support. With this in mind, we've created a **printable and editable infographic!**

[View the Flyer & Learn More on Our Website](#)

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[IHLS Member News](#)

## **IHLS Offices & Delivery Closed for the Holidays**

### **IHLS Closure Dates:**

Dec. 24–25, 2024, & Dec. 31, 2024–Jan. 1, 2025



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## NEW

We are grateful for this wonderful year of service to southern and central Illinois libraries. Happy holidays from Illinois Heartland Library System!

[Visit our website to see our holiday closures.](#)

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## Check out Libraries with Heart Library Resource from the American Heart Association

### NEW

The American Heart Association is interested in collaborating with libraries to enhance access to blood pressure checks by providing on-site public monitors or lending home-use monitors.

Learn how to get involved in Libraries with Heart in our [Resources for Libraries Database!](#)

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Slides Available

### NEW

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## WELCOME!

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### Keith Robinson

Director, Eldorado Memorial Public Library District

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Jan. 16, 2025

**On the Statewide  
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**NEW**  
**GRANTS** *in the*  
**DATABASE**

Library  
Innovation Lab  
Grants

Deadline: Jan. 6, 2025



Access the recordings via [the IHLS Learning Center](#).

## Library Jobs

### Promote Your Job Openings with Us!

#### 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](#)

## Cataloging Maintenance Center



### CMC Adds a New Cataloger

**NEW**

Please join us in welcoming the newest CMC Cataloger, Ryan Rafferty, to the team! Learn more about Ryan [on our website](#).

This intensive development program helps public library workers meet the lifelong learning needs of immigrant communities via innovative cultural programs.

### Innovative Reading Grant

Deadline: Feb. 1, 2025

This grant supports a unique program for K-9th learners that motivates and encourages reading, especially for struggling readers.

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## Cataloging Maintenance Center Announces 2024–25 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.

Who Are You?: Library of Congress Demographic  
Group Terms

Dec. 12, 2024

Mapping Our History

Jan. 9, 2025

Fabricated Realms: Exploring Textile Realia

Feb. 13, 2025

Cataloging Equipment: Gadgets, Gears,  
and Gallimaufry

March 13, 2025

[Explore Upcoming Webinars](#)

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## 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

Jan. 23, 2025

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to Apply)

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Feb. 1, 2025

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[See the Grants  
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## Discounts

### **NEW** VENDOR DISCOUNTS

#### Demco

Demco is a vendor of school and library furniture, supplies, and other resources for creating and maintaining high-impact and engaging learning spaces.

[See the Discount  
Database](#)

the state of Illinois. **Courses are asynchronous and free to all Illinois library workers!**

Focus on Cataloging Binge Boxes  
Jan. 6–19, 2025

Cataloging Basics  
Feb. 3–March 9, 2025

Focus on Deriving a Record  
March 10–23, 2025

Focus on Cataloging CDs  
April 7–20, 2025

[Explore Cataloging Courses](#)

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## Delivery & AMHS Updates

### Delivery Service

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

### School Delivery Pausing for the Winter Break

**NEW**

With schools on winter break for different lengths of time, we are pausing delivery service to schools from **Dec. 23, 2024, through Jan. 3, 2025**. School delivery service last pickup will be on **Dec. 20, 2024**, and will resume on **Monday, Jan. 6, 2025**. [Learn more on our website.](#)

### SHARE Member Closure Dates & Delivery Closure Dates on

## One Form!

**NEW**

We're thrilled to announce a major improvement that will save you time and simplify reporting! Starting now, Delivery Closure Dates and SHARE Member Closure Dates can both be reported on a single form. Not a SHARE member? Please continue to report your closure dates on the [IHLS Delivery Helpdesk](#)! [Learn more about the form on our website.](#)

## New Tubs Video & Instructions

We're excited to announce that we've created a helpful how-to video to demonstrate the proper use of our new delivery tubs! This video provides step-by-step guidance on how to efficiently load, secure, and handle the updated tubs for optimal use of IHLS delivery services. [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 you may need to take to ensure your materials are scannable.

## AMHS Barcode Duplication Page

The installation of an AMHS at IHLS hubs will require [some SHARE members](#) to add duplicate barcodes [to the outside](#) of each item in portions of their collections by fall 2025. Will you need to duplicate your library's barcodes? Learn more about

the specifications and exceptions on the new [AMHS Barcode Duplication page](#).

## Additional Updates

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

- [Update on Revised Timeline for AMHS Installation](#) **NEW**
- [Label Protectors for Faded Barcodes](#)
- [Alternative to Rubber Bands for the AMHS](#)
- [Possible Scanner Issue with Duplicate Barcodes](#)

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## Partner News

Save the Date:

### North American Virtual Reference Online Conference

Feb. 25-27, 2025

The conference theme is "Applying the Trends of Tomorrow, Today," featuring a keynote by Dr. Sandra Hirsh. Hirsh focuses on the future of libraries. Their new book, "Library 2035: Imagining the Next Generation of Libraries," discusses lessons from the past decade and future opportunities and challenges for libraries.



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

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. 3: The Library's Got Rizz](#)
- [Ep. 2: Advocacy 101: Help Me Help You](#)
- [Ep. 1: You Can Totally Sit With Us](#)

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

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## **Telling Libraries' Stories of Impact on Communities**

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

- [My Library Is... Welcoming!](#)
- [2025 My Library Is... Grants Now Open for Application](#)
- [My Library Is... Ensuring Everyone is Welcome to Discover, Grow, Play, and Learn](#)
- [My Library Is... Podcasting](#)

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

## More Continuing Education

### Free Webinars

**NEW**

There is **no Learning Link Roundup this month**. During this hiatus, we encourage you to check out the Maine State Library's [National Continuing Education Calendar](#).

The IHLS Library Learning Link Roundup will resume in January 2025.

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

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### Conferences

[IHLS Member Day 2025: Oh, the Places You'll Grow](#)

Feb. 12, 2025

[North American Virtual Reference Online Conference](#)

Feb. 25-27, 2025

[Illinois Youth Services Institute: Find a New Narrative](#)

Feb. 27-28, 2025, in Bloomington-Normal, Ill.

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## News from Our Members

### West Union District Library Receives Grant

**NEW**

The West Union District Library will receive a \$3,360 grant from the Mary Heath Foundation on Dec. 11, 2024, to purchase new public computers. Earlier this year, they also received \$1,000 for computers and software from Elanco.

So far, WUDL has used Elanco grant funds to purchase one computer with new software. The library now provides five public computers. The library board, director, and volunteers are excited about installing other new computers by January.

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IHLS, like your library, is governed by a board consisting of representatives from the population we serve. For us, that's the libraries collectively **servicing 2.16 million residents across more than 28,000 square miles**. In other words, our board members impact the library services of **about half the state!**

**As an IHLS board member, you'll:**

- **Elevate your public service career**
- **Network with library leaders across the state.**
- **Influence decisions that shape library services for millions.**

**Ready to make a bigger impact?**

Nominate yourself today! [Visit our website](#) to learn more and submit your nomination.

**The nomination period ends February 15, 2025.**

We'd be honored to have you on our board.

Thank you,

Karen Bounds

IHLS Board President

Trustee, Centralia Regional Library District



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February

8:30 a.m. - 4:30  
p.m.

Virtual Event

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A graphic featuring two circular portraits of keynote speakers. On the left is R. David Lankes, a man with a beard and glasses. On the right is Beth Wahler, a woman with dark hair. The background is a light blue and white pattern.

**R. David  
Lankes**

**Beth  
Wahler**

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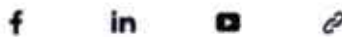
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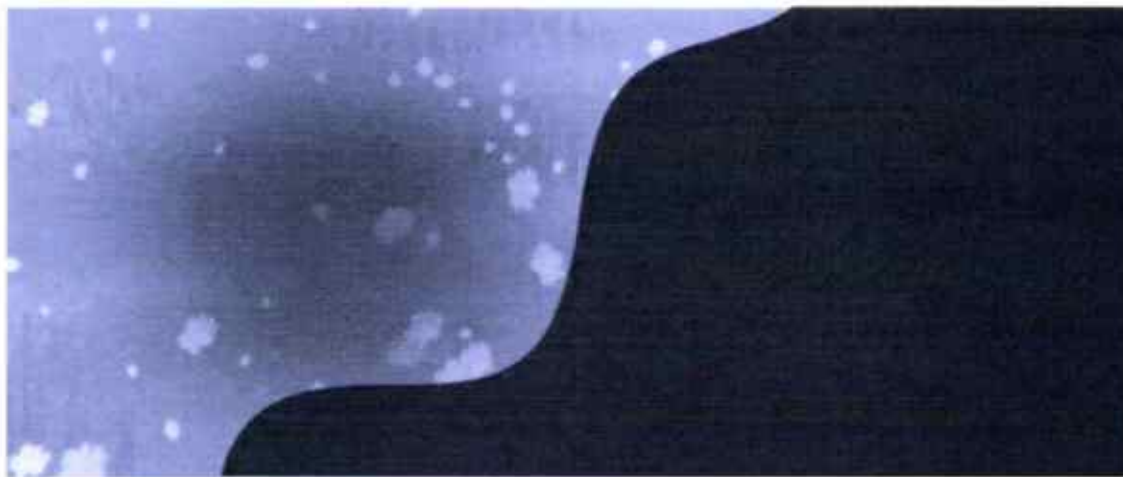
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## IHLS Member News

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Delivery Resumes Monday, Dec. 2

**NEW**

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Dec. 3, 10 a.m.

**NEW**

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Memorial Public Library  
District

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Librarian, Washington  
School (Johnston City  
CUD #1)

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IHLS SCHOOLS

Libraries, a highly curated readers' advisory and collection development resource featuring more than 25 years of the best in contemporary fiction and nonfiction — perfect for librarians, book club members, and all those who read to expand their horizons.

### IHLS Discount Available!

[Register for the BookBrowse Demo](#)

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Dec. 4, 11 a.m. CST

**NEW**

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IHLS members get **10% off the annual Meescan license**, and libraries that purchase **before Dec. 31 will receive a \$200 equipment credit**.

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Champaign PL  
*Champaign, Ill.*

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## **Navigating Friends of the Library Groups**

**Dec. 3, 2 p.m.**

Brought to you by IHLS & RAILS.

Join Brenda Langstraat Bui, Nicolle Davies, and Dr. Andrew Smith for a webinar exploring the important role Friends play in supporting libraries, as well as the challenges that can arise. [Learn more on L2.](#)

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### **Slides Available**

## **HR Minute—Poster Compliance**

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## Grants

### **NEW** **GRANTS** *in the* **DATABASE**

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Deadline: Dec. 6,  
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This grant provides funds to our nation's neediest schools so that they can extend, update, and diversify the book and print collections in their libraries.

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This grant funds nationally significant historic properties and collections that convey our nation's rich heritage to future generations.

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This grant provides support to a library for the initiation of a graphic novel



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service, program, or initiative.

## NEA Big Read Grants

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Application –

Jan. 30, 2025

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## Starting the New Year with a New Strategic Plan

We're excited to share some fantastic news here at Illinois Heartland Library System! After many great conversations and input from our members, we're launching our new Strategic Plan for 2025-2027! This plan is all about better serving you and your communities, and we can't wait to get started!

Here are the four key areas we'll focus on:

- **Robust Member Engagement:** We want to strengthen our connections with you and improve our communication.
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- **Innovative Library-Support Services:** We'll expand opportunities for continuing education and adapt our shared resources to meet your needs.
- **Organizational Excellence:** Our goal is to be transparent and efficient in everything we do, including the structure of our organization.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed their ideas during the planning process with the help of the Alliance for Library Impact. We're so grateful for your input! The IHLS Board of Directors officially approved our plan at a special meeting on December 11, and we're looking forward to this exciting new chapter together!

[Learn more and download the new strategic plan on our website!](#)

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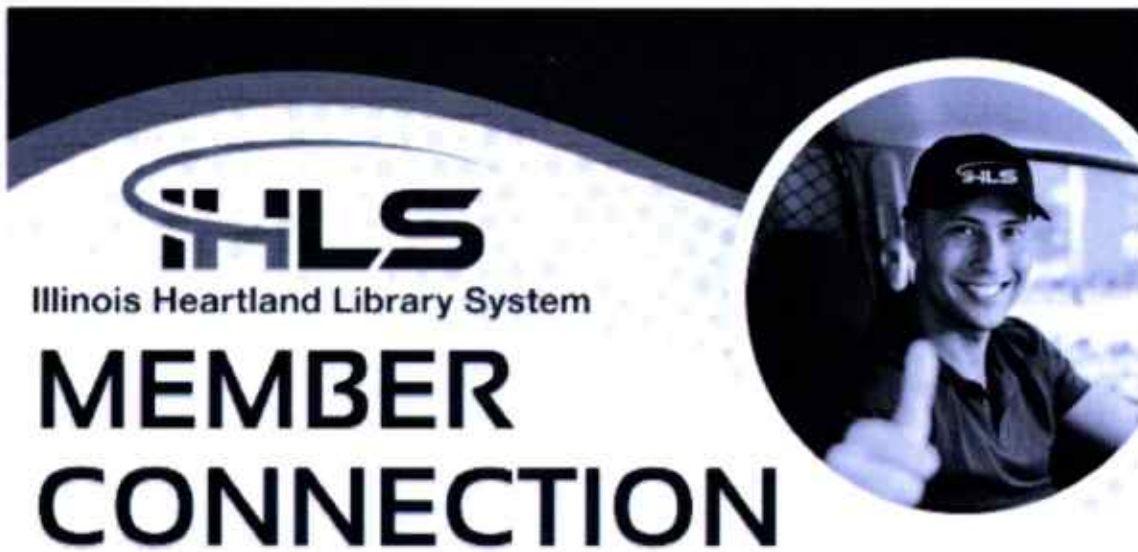
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## IHLS Member News

### IHLS Closed Nov. 28-29

Delivery Resumes Monday, Dec. 2

**NEW**

We'll be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 & Friday, Nov. 29, in honor of **Thanksgiving Day**.

[Visit our website](#) to see our holiday closures.

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### Database Deep Dive Using the Illinois State Database Package in School Libraries

Dec. 11, 3:30 p.m.

**NEW**

Feeling overwhelmed by the new state databases? Whether you're new to scholarly databases or just need guidance on EBSCO, we're here to help! Join IHLS and RAILS staff for a deep dive into using these tools in school libraries. **And earn one hour of PDH!**

*Register by Dec. 4 at 5 p.m.!*

Register for the Deep Dive

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### BookBrowse Demo

Dec. 3, 10 a.m.

**NEW**

Join us for a demo of [BookBrowse for](#)



Connect with  
Illinois library  
colleagues and  
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## WELCOME!

Welcome to the following  
new library directors:

**Corina Gilley**

Interim Director, Eldorado  
Memorial Public Library  
District

**Mary Jane Steelman**

Director, White Hall  
Township Library

**Amanda Harris**

Librarian, Washington  
School (Johnston City  
CUD #1)

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

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## Recurring Events

Extra Credit!  
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**Libraries**, a highly curated readers' advisory and collection development resource featuring more than 25 years of the best in contemporary fiction and nonfiction — perfect for librarians, book club members, and all those who read to expand their horizons.

### IHLS Discount Available!

Register for the BookBrowse Demo

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## Meescan Demo

Dec. 4, 11 a.m. CST

**NEW**

Join us for a live demonstration of Meescan self-checkout, where you can ask questions about how it fits your library's workflow. Meescan offers easy-to-install kiosks and a smartphone app, allowing librarians to focus on organizing databases and engaging with the community.

IHLS members get **10% off the annual Meescan license**, and libraries that purchase **before Dec. 31 will receive a \$200 equipment credit**.

Register for the Meescan Demo

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## Board Member Virtual Meet & Greet

### IHLS Board Elections Q&A

Dec. 4, 10 a.m.

**NEW**

*Are you interested in running for the IHLS Board of*

## Monthly Each First Thursday

Online, 3:30–4:30

p.m.

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

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## 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.

This Month: Nov. 21

### Service Animals & the Library

Champaign PL

Champaign, Ill.

And then stay  
for...

*Directors? Want to know more about what it's like being on the board before you self-nominate?*

Join Sarah Hill, Director of Lakeland College Library, and Kristy Walker, a trustee for Bethalto Public Library, for a virtual meet-and-greet with anyone who wishes to hear about their experiences on the board. They'll also be answering questions.

[Register for the Meet & Greet](#)

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## Weeding with Friends

Recording Available

**NEW**

Miss our workshop on the weeding process in collection management? This webinar covers the basics of weeding in public and school libraries, including those tricky sections!

Access the recordings via [the IHLS Learning Center](#).

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## Registration for Member Day 2025 is Now Open!

Discover a day of professional growth, networking, and inspiration for all library leaders and staff at IHLS's premier annual event.

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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!

[Register for Both Events](#)

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## IHLS LIBRARY DIRECTORS' CHAT

Thursdays 1–2 p.m.\*

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Next Chats:

Dec. 5, 12; Jan. 4, 11

*Registration is required to receive event reminders and cancellation notices.*

[View All Directors Chats](#)

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## **Navigating Friends of the Library Groups**

**Dec. 3, 2 p.m.**

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Join Brenda Langstraat Bui, Nicolle Davies, and Dr. Andrew Smith for a webinar exploring the important role Friends play in supporting libraries, as well as the challenges that can arise. [Learn more on L2.](#)

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HR Director Jill Trevino's presentation slides on poster compliance from the Oct. 17 Members Matter are now available. Learn more on our website!

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**Application Window: Dec. 1–31, 2024**

Do you have a small budget but big dreams for promoting your library and its programs? Would a few hundred dollars make all the difference? If yes, then we have exciting news for you! Illinois Heartland Library System is thrilled to announce our **Marketing Microgrant**, a new pilot grant program to help our smaller libraries reach their communities!

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 **Member Events**

**Thursday • November 21**

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10–11 a.m.

Directly Before Members Matter

Online through Zoom

OR

In Person at Champaign Public Library,  
Champaign, Ill.

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

### Service Animals in the Library

with Mark Trieglaff, Founder and President

*Accessibility Consultation and Training Service*

After a brief overview of the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), Mark Trieglaff will discuss the requirements for service animals (dogs and miniature horses). Attendees will learn the difference between a service animal and a therapy dog or animal and receive guidance as to when they can legally ask someone with a service animal to leave the library.

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11 a.m.–noon

Directly after Third Thursday CE

Online through Zoom

OR

In Person at Lincoln Library,  
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- **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.
- **Build connections:** Network with colleagues when you attend in person.
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