



## **IHLS Directors' Chat**

April 2, 2015

Chris Dawdy, SHARE Director: Good afternoon, everyone!

Ellen Popit: Happy Spring!!!!

Chris Dawdy, SHARE Director: Hey, Debbie! What's new and exciting at RAILS?

Debbie Baaske -RAILS: A lot and nothing at the same time. :) Should I be able to hear you. My headset doesn't seem to be working.

Chris Dawdy, SHARE Director: No, no sound. We just type!

kwest@pinckneyville.lib.il.us: Hello! Maybe everyone else took the day off and they are out enjoying this nice spring day!

Debbie Baaske -RAILS: Ok. My technical expertise are in tact. :)

Chris Dawdy, SHARE Director: Either that or everyone forgot! We had the first of the next round of SHARe Local meetings here in Edwardsville this morning, so some of the people that usually join us here may still be driving back to their libraries.

Ellen Popit: I bet lots of people are out enjoying the weather. What's going on in your libraries?

Shawn- Elwood Township: Hello

Shawn- Elwood Township: I had to go to L2 to get the correct link. The link that L2 sent to me in my email, just took me to L2 and not chat

Ellen Popit: I know that we have a couple of SPLMI applicants online---have you heard anything yet?

Chris Dawdy, SHARE Director: At IHLS board meeting last night, the Illinois State Library report included the fact that 100% of the IHLS libraries have completed their certification this year, and on time! Hooray for all of you!

Shawn- Elwood Township: I received my acceptance letter last week :D

Ellen Popit: I can't wait to see the entire IHLS list. You'll have a ball!!!!

Darlene Barlow at lovingtonpld@gmail.com: I received my acceptance letter also am I am very excited about it!

Shawn- Elwood Township: I am excited and nervous. I heard it's a tough, yet fun boot camp

Ellen Popit: That's exactly right, Shawn. Start resting up now!

Ellen Popit: Kathy West, did you go last summer or did you apply for this year?

Darlene Barlow at [lovingtonpld@gmail.com](mailto:lovingtonpld@gmail.com): I am working on last minute details on National Library Week as we have a local author that has just got her book published and she is to read her book to us on Monday April 13! It is about a dragon and we are having "Green Moss Punch" for refreshments!

Chris Dawdy, SHARE Director: That sounds like fun, Darlene!

Ellen Popit: Don't know that I'm brave enough for Green moss

Darlene Barlow at [lovingtonpld@gmail.com](mailto:lovingtonpld@gmail.com): The dragon is from the swamp and he loves to eat nuts so we will have that worked into refreshments also somehow and will make a dragon mask to take home!

[kwest@pinckneyville.lib.il.us](mailto:kwest@pinckneyville.lib.il.us): We are getting ready for National Library Week, hosting an Open House and a few other events that week. The CCM is meeting in Pville on the 16th

Ellen Popit: I'll be there, Kathy!!!!

[kwest@pinckneyville.lib.il.us](mailto:kwest@pinckneyville.lib.il.us): Looking forward to seeing you Ellen

Jill/FVHP: I shared this at a meeting today but we my library is giving away milkweed seeds we bought from a company for very cheap and are using as a library promotion. It is 10 seeds along with a card that has our logo and webaddress on it. About 150 seed packets for about \$60.00. website is [livemonarch.com](http://livemonarch.com) go to Visit store then Seeds and See packets. you upload your logo and info you want presented. Takes about 10 days to get the seeds back.

Ellen Popit: That's fun!

Ellen Popit: Chris and I learned last night that the 2015 edition of Illinois Library Laws and Rules will be available early this summer. IHLS will place a bulk order, so think about how many you'll want for your library. Great bedtime reading!

Shawn- Elwood Township: We planted milkweed seeds last fall that the IDNR sent and asked us to plant. To help the Monarch Butterflies. I am anxious to see if they are going to sprout

Jill/FVHP: same concept same initiative to recharge the monarch population.

Shawn- Elwood Township: Does anyone know what information and when, will be sent out about SPLMI?

Jill/FVHP: Did anyone attend the Metro east managers meeting in Chatham? I couldn't make it

[kwest@pinckneyville.lib.il.us](mailto:kwest@pinckneyville.lib.il.us): Anyone from Southern Illinois going to SPLMI who might want to ride with me?

Ellen Popit: Kathy, the new director at Benton might be attending, as well as the new director in Carterville.

[kwest@pinckneyville.lib.il.us](mailto:kwest@pinckneyville.lib.il.us): Ok, I'll send them a message.

Jill/FVHP: Does anyone here use Mail Chimp?

Chris Dawdy, SHARE Director: Yes, to both, Jill.

Kay Burrous South Macon: For National Library Week South Macon is having Rick Eugene Branner and the Wand Show; April 15th at 6pm. He will be bringing his books at 1pm if anyone is interested.

Darlene Barlow at lovingtonpld@gmail.com: Does anyone have any new ideas for Tech Programs that you have held at you library lately as we are concentrating more on this in the future? We are thinking of the Ancestry.com as one to check out on price and all.

kwest@pinckneyville.lib.il.us: Do you think we will be receiving our Per Capita grant money the same time as usual? Several grant projects the state is funding in Pville have been put on hold by the Governor so I'm hoping we aren't included in those delays.

Jill/FVHP: Thanks Chris, was hoping to avoid you as you are already field so many questions

Ellen Popit: Kathy, I haven't heard anything about threats to per capita money this year.

Jill/FVHP: I htought that was why maybe they sent the letters out before the election so that they could say that money was committed and the recipients have alreready been notified.

Darlene Barlow at lovingtonpld@gmail.com: Do we have delivery services on this Friday?

Chris Dawdy, SHARE Director: Yes, we do, Darlene.

Darlene Barlow at lovingtonpld@gmail.com: Thank You!

kwest@pinckneyville.lib.il.us: That's good, hopefully they see the value of the library. Pville is building a big soccer park with matching funds from a state grant the town has spent \$400,000 so far and the state has froze the matching part so it's just sitting there.....I sure wish our city could swing \$400,000 our way! :)

Darlene Barlow at lovingtonpld@gmail.com: When does The Edge have to be in by?

Ellen Popit: I believe by the time you submite your area and per capita grant application. Let me double check!

Ellen Popit: Yep, it is a requirement for this year's annual report.

kwest@pinckneyville.lib.il.us: If you completed the EDGE last year there's nothing else to do right?

Ellen Popit: Correct. Not for this year.

Jill/FVHP: I think Per Cap is due jan 2015 and the application won't be available until Ocotber 2014

Jill/FVHP: Has anyone been using the Trustte training videos that RAILS gave us access to? I show one per board meeting and they have been helpful to spur conversation and help the board understand their role better. Each one is about 7-10 minutes which isn't bad. Storngly encouraged

kwest@pinckneyville.lib.il.us: I'm glad they moved the Per Capita deadline back, takes the stress off during summer when we are doing summer reading and other programs for the kids! :)

kwest@pinckneyville.lib.il.us: Oh wait, I could be thinking of IPLAR. I'm still in recovery mode from e-rate

Ellen Popit: No, Kathy, you're right.

Shawn- Elwood Township: We have that on our to do list Jill. It looks really interesting. I have watched a few on my own. Do your trustees like the workbooks that go with each video?

Darlene Barlow at lovingtonpld@gmail.com: Is there a helpful "list" available of a timeline of when The Edge, Per Capita, IPAR, Levy's etc. are due by that would be great for first year directors or is this what will be addressed at SPLMI?

Jill/FVHP: I haven't used the workbooks for the three I have done as I didn't see the value in what the workbook gave to talk about on that topic. I usually have a copy of one in case someone asks but I usually just tell them why I didn't find it useful. maybe we will do a topic that I won't feel that way about soon

Jill/FVHP: Darlene: they usually give you some thing like that at SPLMI but if not there is something on line that Phil Lenzini did that I don't have the web address for right now

Jill/FVHP: I am the worst typist. Would have made a horrible secretary.

Ellen Popit: You'll get plenty of that at SPLMI. Jill, you're right. Phil does a days and dates which I believe is on the ILA website.

Jill/FVHP: thanks ellen

Darlene Barlow at [lovingtonpld@gmail.com](mailto:lovingtonpld@gmail.com): WOW!!! I have learned alot of helpful info today so thanks so much for answering my questions!!

Jill/FVHP: Going to SPLMI will make you feel more confident as a director because you won't feel like you are guessing anymore. You will have a reference point for all of the knowledge you are able to share with your board or staff which is good

Ellen Popit: Here's the link to days and dates: <http://www.ila.org/ila-events/2014-2015-days-dates>

Darlene Barlow at [lovingtonpld@gmail.com](mailto:lovingtonpld@gmail.com): Tnak you Ellen!

Darlene Barlow at [lovingtonpld@gmail.com](mailto:lovingtonpld@gmail.com): OOPS Sorry about the spelling!

Darlene Barlow at [lovingtonpld@gmail.com](mailto:lovingtonpld@gmail.com): Jill, Thanks for all you input and helpful info today!

Jill/FVHP: no problem. Many people gave me helpful input when I started too. It was appreciated and made my job easier

Shawn- Elwood Township: Thanks Jill, (Sorry doing multiple things and chat) I will take that advice, and look over the workbooks first, before deciding to print. Will save a few trees that way

Jill/FVHP: Shawn: I found that they really just appreciated the conversation the video allows for

Darlene Barlow at [lovingtonpld@gmail.com](mailto:lovingtonpld@gmail.com): You said you send for these Trustee Workshop videos from RAILS?

Jill/FVHP: Julia Pernicka at IHLS has the link and password

Chris Dawdy, SHARE Director: Hey! It's 2 o'clock! Is it time for us all to go outside now?

Ellen Popit: Schools's Out!!!!!!

Ellen Popit: Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Jill/FVHP: bye

Kay Burrous South Macon: Thanks.

Shawn- Elwood Township: Thank you everyone

Darlene Barlow at [lovingtonpld@gmail.com](mailto:lovingtonpld@gmail.com): Have a wonderful Easter Everyone!