

CY2024/FY2025 IHLS Board Elections Ballot

Voting is now underway for the five open seats on the IHLS Board of Directors.

Seats to be filled are:

One (1) Public Library Staff Representative (three-year term)

Two (2) Public Library Trustee Representatives (three-year term)

Two (2) School Library Representatives (three-year term)

Please read these instructions carefully prior to voting:

- If you'd like to preview the ballot prior to voting, you can view the list here:
<https://www.illinoisheartland.org/about/board/elections>
- All voting is done electronically via this survey.
- EACH MEMBER LIBRARY CAN VOTE ONLY ONCE. Please ensure that only one person at your library responds to this survey. If your system membership is shared among multiple locations or branches, be sure that only one person votes on behalf of ALL combined locations. If multiple ballots are received then the first submission will be counted.

VOTING DEADLINE: 11:59 p.m. Monday, April 15, 2024

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The following information is used to ensure proper voting procedures, that only libraries with a system membership vote, and that only one ballot is cast by each member library:

Name of your library:

Your email address:

Does your library's system membership include multiple locations? (For example: Branches, Schools, etc. If you are not sure, please exit this survey and contact the Illinois Heartland Library System for this information prior to voting). Each member library is to cast just ONE ballot collectively, on behalf of all of its locations combined.

- ☐ Yes, multiple locations, branches, schools or entities share our system membership.
- ☐ No.

List of locations for shared membership.

Please list the names of locations (branches, schools, etc.) included in your library's system membership:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the user to list the names of locations included in their library's system membership. A small cursor icon is visible in the bottom right corner of the box.

Sample

Public Library Staff Representative Slate

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(Vote for 1)

Ryan Johnson, Library Director

O'Fallon Public Library (120 Civic Plaza, O'Fallon, IL 62269)

I have worked in libraries for nearly 20 years. In that time, I've found a career and a passion. In addition to my day job, I've served on the IHLS Board since 2021 and on the ILA Executive Board since 2022, including ILA President for the 2023-2024 year. In all my work, I look to elevate libraries. A second term on the IHLS Board is a perfect opportunity to do just that. I believe IHLS's main mission should be to support and empower its member libraries. That sort of work never ends and is always evolving. I look forward to the opportunity to help manage that change and innovation in the years ahead.

Laura Naugle, Library Director

Hillsboro Area Public Library District (420 S. Main Street, Hillsboro IL 62049)

My name is Laura Naugle. I represent Hillsboro Area Public Library District, as their Library Director. I have worked in a library most of my life. I started in the library as a library media aide during all 4 years of my high school career. From there, it has always been my dream to be a librarian. I worked part-time in Carlinville Public Library as I began my college days and started a family. Then worked 9 years at Carlinville Schools as their library media aide. Until I finished my bachelor's degree. At which time, I started as the School District Librarian for Southwestern School District as their District Librarian. There, I took 4 libraries from Destiny-Follett system and moved all of them to IHLS's SHARE program and the Polaris system. I am now at Hillsboro Public Library, as their Library Director and ready to move forward with IHLS - Polaris as well. Being in a library and getting books in the hands of all people to encourage reading is a lifelong goal. I feel that IHLS does just that, encourage reading and get books and library materials into the hands of many people.

Grahm Underwood, Computer Lab Supervisor / Clerk

Mississippi Valley Library District (408 West Main Street, Collinsville, IL 62234)

I have been a front-line worker at the Mississippi Valley Library District for the past twelve years, and have greatly enjoyed serving our community. Serving on the IHLS Board of Directors is a great opportunity to become further involved in our library system.

- ☐ Ryan Johnson, Library Director
- ☐ Laura Naugle, Library Director
- ☐ Grahm Underwood, Computer Lab Supervisor / Clerk

Public Library Trustee Representative Slate

Ann Chandler vs. _____

(Vote for Up to 2)

Ann Chandler, Public Library Board President

Taylorville Library (121 West Vine Taylorville, IL 62568)

My career began as a school librarian and ended as a School Superintendent. I have served on the Taylorville Public Library Board for eight years, six years as President. This experience qualifies me for a position on the IHLS Board of Directors, shows my passion and knowledge of libraries, understanding of finance, and organization oversight. I advocate that IHLS should do what is best to serve our membership. I am a proponent of questioning expenditures and creation of pro-membership budgets. I encouraged the Board to help libraries who cannot afford SHARE or ASPEN, and for libraries to have active operational plan participation. As a Board member I represent membership, ask questions, listen, and act to benefit membership by proposing ideas to improve IHLS services. My time on the IHLS Board has seen some positive changes and my desire is to continue to promote positive library services.

There is currently no second candidate.

From the IHLS Bylaws: In the event that there are no eligible candidates for an open position on the IHLS board, there will be a write-in vote. Any viable write-in candidate will be required to meet all eligibility criteria for the specific board position and must receive a minimum of five (5) affirmative votes in order to win election. The nominating committee must verify the winning candidate. If there is no clear winner from the write-in vote, the president will appoint a new board member.

☐ Ann Chandler, Public Library Board President

☐ Write-In:

School Library Representative Slate

Kimberly Dykstra v. Michael E. Treece, Jr.

(Vote for 2)

Kimberly Dykstra, District Librarian

Riverton CUSD #14 (1014 E Lincoln, Riverton, IL 62561)

My name is Kim Dykstra. I have a BA in Elementary Education from Calvin University in Michigan. I earned my MA in Information Resources and Library Science from the University of Arizona. I have been working in school libraries for the past 18 years, but prior to that, I worked in public libraries as well. I am currently the District Librarian for the Riverton School District.

Michael E. Treece, Jr., Library Media Specialist

Dupo High School (600 Louisa Ave Dupo, IL 62239)

I am a seasoned School Library Media Specialist with 17 years of experience, vying for a school representative seat on the Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS) Board of Directors. My wealth of expertise includes managing district libraries, overseeing staff, and implementing instructional technology. In 2023, I served as a public library trustee for the Mississippi Valley Library District, demonstrating a strong commitment to community service and fostering inclusive library experiences. Holding the role of Director of Curriculum & Reporting at Dupo CUSD 196, with additional responsibilities as Media Specialist and Director of Educational Technology, I am uniquely positioned to contribute valuable insights to the IHLS Board. With a Master's in Education, I passionately advocate for ensuring public libraries are inclusive and welcoming spaces for all patrons, aiming to enhance educational resources and promote diversity within the IHLS community.

- ☐ Kimberly Dykstra, District Librarian
- ☐ Michael E. Treece, Jr., Library Media Specialist

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Thank you

You're not done yet. Your votes will be submitted when you click on the "Submit Votes" button below.

Thank you for participating in this year's IHLS Board Election. The election will close on April 15. The results will be announced within a week of the May meeting of the IHLS Board.

The FY2025/CY2024 Nominating Committee

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