



Membership Report April 2017

Annual Certification

The final IHLS library certified on Tuesday, March 28th---three days before the deadline. Only two libraries did not meet the current membership criteria.

Membership Updates

Site Visits:

April 12th Crab Orchard Public Library District. Ellen Popit attended an Open House that was held to showcase improvements to the building thanks to a Construction Grant.

Member Day:

Was held on April 18th at the Keller Conference Center in Effingham. There were 115 attendees (including 24 staff members) and fifteen vendors. The program included a keynote panel discussion and nine breakout sessions. The sponsorships solicited by Chris Dawdy funded most of the event, including lunch for the participants and vendors. Evaluations are being solicited, but there have been positive comments from attendees and vendors about the experience, the programs, the food, and the venue. As always, attendees appreciate the networking opportunity. Thanks to board members and staff that worked to make this happen!

Suspensions:

At their April meeting, the Policy and Membership Committee were presented with two libraries to consider for suspension. Those libraries are:

North Greene CUSD #3. This district is in Greene County. There is no longer any library staff. I have spoken with the superintendent and he is aware that a suspension would be recommended. He was also informed of the consequences of a suspension.

Our Lady of the Snows Retirement Community. This library is in St. Clair County. There is no longer any staff for that library. Happily, Belleville Public is planning to take over the management of that library, so service will continue. The director of the facility is aware that a suspension will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Popit, Membership and Grants Director