

## SHARE Report

January 18, 2017

SHARE staff continue to work with Transitional members, as these IHLS libraries move toward being full members of SHARE. Vance Township Library and Loda Township Library are now live on Polaris.

Ellen Popit, Troy Brown, and Chris Dawdy are communicating with library directors and their boards about the Wal-Mart grant received for assisting our smallest and least well-funded public libraries to meet the following goals—to participate in resource sharing, to have a web presence, to have a discoverable collection, and to have wifi access for their patrons. 54 libraries “qualify” for receiving benefits from this grant. They are libraries that have populations of less than 2,000, and a combination of local government, per capita grant, equalization aid, and personal property tax replacement funds of less than \$40,000.00. Of those 54 libraries, 39 are members of SHARE, which means they have already met the first three goals. Most have also met the fourth goal. Troy will be working with the others to assist them in obtaining wifi access. THANK YOU, WAL-MART!!!

The most recent SHARE Semi-Annual meeting was held on January 11, with approximately 100 people participating via Zoom webinar. The meeting was informational, providing the membership with news on the state of the consortium, as well as explanations of proposals being submitted to the membership for approval. The following proposals are being electronically voted on, with voting beginning immediately following the meeting, and continuing through January 25, 2017:

- 5% increase in the SHARE basic membership fee for FY2018
- New cataloging standard related to audiobooks
- Fine rate to follow for overdue items
- SHARE termination of membership policy
- Policy for merging patron records in Polaris

Respectfully submitted,  
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