

IHLS MISSION, VISION, VALUES & GOALS

Our Mission

To support member libraries of all types providing quality library services. Illinois Heartland Library System facilitates access to shared resources, advocates for libraries, promotes innovation and develops community partnerships.

Our Vision

IHLS empowers libraries to embrace innovation & collaboration

Our Values

IHLS staff & board commit to the following values in the management & operation of IHLS:

- Innovation & Leadership
 - We are innovative and creative and exercise leadership in developing programs and services that meet the needs of IHLS diverse multi-type libraries.
- Engagement
 - We engage members & draw on their expertise in the development & improvement of programs & services.
- Integrity and Respect
 - We operate IHLS ethically with accountability and transparency.
 - Our diverse staff works together with trust and respect for our individual talents in order to provide the best service possible.
- Collaboration
 - We value collaboration among members with other library organizations & community partners
- Communication
 - We practice clear & open communication with members' staff and other stakeholders.

Our Goals:

GOAL 1: Resource Sharing

- IHLS Facilitates, supports and promotes resource sharing to assist member libraries of all types to be of service their users.

Goal 2: Member Engagement & Networking

- IHLS communicates with & engages member libraries of all types and promotes member networking to assist libraries in improving their services.

Goal 3: Consulting & CE

- IHLS provides information and assistance to member libraries of all types through consulting & continuing education to improve the expertise of their staff.

Goal 4: Leadership & Innovation

- IHLS provides leadership & embraces innovation to assist member libraries of all types to better serve their users.

Goal 5: Advocacy

- IHLS advocates for the role of libraries and library staff to build strong libraries and strong communities.

Goal 6: Stewardship & Sustainability

- IHLS stewards its resources to ensure maximum benefit to member libraries of all types and to taxpayers.