



Policy and Membership Committee Report

April, 2016

After the 2016 Library Certification process, it appears that five school district and one special library no longer meet the membership criteria. They are

- Brussels CUSD #42 (Calhoun County)
- East Alton School District #13 (Madison County)
- Pinckneyville CHSD #101 (Perry County)
- Pontiac-William Holliday (St. Clair County)
- South Fork SD#14: (Christian County)
- Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (Williamson County)

Each of the agencies listed above indicated that they were not staffed the minimum of fifteen hours per week.

In each case, a follow-up phone call was made to verify the staffing levels. If it was determined that the agency no longer met the library system membership criteria, the suspension process was explained.

At the end of the certification period, a follow-up letter was sent to each agency with copies to the person completing the certification and an administrator (if they were different people), explaining again what would happen with the suspension process. They will be also be notified of any recommendation for suspension after the April board meeting.

Note: None of these libraries are SHARE members.

Please note that at the beginning of the certification process, six agencies chose to withdraw. They were:

- Madison County Law Library (Madison County)
- Prairie Research Institute/University of Illinois (Champaign County)
- Presence United Samaritan Hospital (Vermillion County)
- Presence Covenant Medical Center (Champaign County)
- Althoff High School (St. Clair County)
- Metro-East Lutheran High School (Madison County)

Note: Metro East Lutheran had been a member of SHARE, but was removed in 2015.

There has also been an application for a school district that is being brought to this committee for consideration. It is from:

Opdyke-Belle Rive CCSD #5 (Jefferson County)

Several site visits have been made over the past two years, and it is now appropriate for their application to be moved forward.

With the application from Opdyke-Belle Rive and withdrawals and anticipated suspensions through the certification process, IHLS will experience:

- A loss of six school library agencies
- A loss of five special library agencies

Our numbers going into FY17 will be:

Academic Libraries: 35 Agencies

Public Libraries: 227 Agencies

School Libraries: 233 School Districts

Special Libraries: 31 Agencies

Total Agencies 526 Separate Agencies