

IHLS CONVERSATIONS REGARDING REVISED SYSTEM STANDARDS

During the week of August 11, 2014, meetings were held within the Illinois Heartland Library System to discuss the draft of the Revised System Standards. In addition to a discussion held among certain staff members, seven additional “conversations” were held. Three of those conversations were held electronically using Adobe Connect and four were in-person conversations held in DuQuoin, Edwardsville, Decatur and Champaign. Leslie Bednar and Ellen Popit facilitated the meetings with additional staff input from Chris Dawdy, Traci Edwards, Bev Obert and Julia Pernicka. Most meeting lasted approximately ninety minutes, but one session lasted an additional hour! We had no representation from any school libraries.

The format was consistent throughout. Background was provided on the work done to date on the revision of system standards and then the floor was opened for anything within the standards that people wanted to bring to the attention of the group. When that section of the discussion was finished, System Staff brought certain sections to their attention.

1. Argenta Oreana PLD
2. Arthur PLD
3. Barclay PLD
4. Breese Public Library
5. Bryan-Bennett Library
6. Camargo Township District Library
7. Carlinville Public Library
8. Carmi Public Library
9. Central Citizens’ Library District
10. Eldorado Memorial PLD
11. Elwood Township Carnegie Library
12. Elizabeth Titus Memorial Public Library
13. Fairview Heights Public Library
14. Forsyth Public Library
15. Glen Carbon Centennial Library District
16. Greenup Township Public Library
17. Harrisburg PLD
18. Hayner PLD
19. Helen Matthes Library
20. Jerseyville Public Library
21. Mahomet PLD
22. Mattoon Public Library
23. Morrison-Talbot Library
24. Mount Zion District Library
25. Onarga Community PLD
26. Pinckneyville Public Library
27. Six Mile Regional Library District
28. Staunton Public Library
29. Smithton PLD
30. Urbana Public Library
31. West Frankfort Public Library
32. Wood River Public Library
33. Giertz Education Center
34. Lakeview College of Nursing
35. Eastern Illinois University
36. Rend Lake College



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The discussion very much mirrored the joint letter sent to the Illinois State Library from IHLS and RAILS. The entire draft was open for discussion and two areas consistently got significant attention. The first centered on the varied options and tools available for resource sharing. In that discussion, support and appreciation for SHARE was always included, as was the realization that all members are expected to participate in resource sharing, but there was always a recognition that this might not be the best option for everyone. The second point was the ongoing need on the part of our members for consulting and continuing education services. A follow-up from our discussions regarding specific comments and some editing issues has been prepared for our colleagues at the State Library.