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ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, August 20, 2026 | 3:30 PM
RAILS Burr Ridge and Videoconference Sites
125 Tower Drive, Burr Ridge, IL 60527 | 630.734.5000

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Emily Porter
Videoconference sites:
RAILS East Peoria, 715 Sabrina Drive, East Peoria, IL
Rockford University – Howard Colman Library, 5050 East State Street, Rockford, IL
Shorewood-Troy Public Library District, 650 Deerwood Drive, Shorewood, IL
2. Roll Call of Members – Alice Grabowski
3. Recognition of Guests and Announcements – Emily Porter
4. Public comments – Emily Porter
5. Adoption of the Consent Agenda (action requested) – Emily Porter
 - 5.1. Adoption of the Agenda
 - 5.2. Approval of the RAILS Board Advocacy Minutes of May 14, 2026
6. New Business
 - 6.1. Chicago Area Archivists on NARA Chicago/Great Lakes Closure (discussion only) – Gretchen Neidhardt
 - 6.2. Review of RAILS Statement on School Library Programs Staffed by Licensed School Librarians (possible action) – Janette Derucki
 - 6.3. FY2027 Advocacy Committee Meeting Schedule (action requested) – Monica Harris
 - 6.4. Review of Committee Charge (discussion only) – Monica Harris
7. Reports
 - 7.1. Federal Legislative and Advocacy Update (discussion only) – Monica Harris
 - 7.2. ALA Annual Reports on Legislation and Intellectual Freedom Overview (discussion only) – Monica Harris



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7.3. Illinois Legislative and Advocacy Update (discussion only) – Monica Harris

7.4. AISLE Advocacy Committee Report (discussion only) – Joanna Marek

8. Unfinished Business

8.1. Library Issues Updates (discussion only)

9. Meeting Recap and Agenda Building for the next RAILS Board Advocacy Committee Meeting
(tentatively October 15, 2026, 3:30pm)

10. Adjournment – Emily Porter