



Resource Sharing Committee

12/12/2025

Minutes

Attendees, S. Asberry, L. Johnson, C. Tomberlin, J. Wekluk, J. Petrusa, J. Speer, R. Roethemeyer, L. Colbert, J. Clifton, R. Connell, A. Asher, D Fox, L. Suman

- I. Call Meeting to Order – by Josh at 1:01 PM (Trista Rue is unable to connect - too much snow in French Lick!)
- II. Approval of Agenda – moved by Ruth; 2nd by Lynné
- III. Approval of Minutes: J. Clifton recommended an edit to the August 2025 meeting minutes; the IN Digital Library section needs to read “Membership parameters” not “relationship parameters.” Robert moved to approve as corrected; 2nd by Darlene
- IV. State Library Report
 - a. **Indiana Digital Library update.** Jen: a group met to look over proposed bylaws for the committee. Next step is a 2026 appointment of initial governing board for the IN Digital Library
 - b. **Evergreen update.** Leigh Anne: Courtney is out today; did not receive an update to share with the committee.
 - c. **IN-SHARE update.** Leigh Anne: ISL has a new staff member helping with IN-SHARE. Abby Asher is the new ILL Specialist, and this is her 4th day on the job – currently training on ILL and IN-Share requests. Requests continue to be on par from previous year. November was slightly lower than expected; level is currently about 3k requests per month. It’s a lot easier to handle with an assistant!

d. **InfoExpress update.** Leigh Anne: November 2025 was higher than November 2024; not back up to 2021-22 levels, but it's staying high. Overall parcel count is keeping pace with last year; 2025 will likely exceed 2024 total parcels by the end of December. New operations manager at NOW seems very on top of the process; changing routes when necessary and keeping things streamlined. Less feedback from libraries (good news).

e. **INSPIRE update:**

- i. Leigh Anne: stats don't show a good comparison due to the loss of database content in summer 2025. Searches are also down just between Oct and November 2025
- ii. Jake: Good news – through the IN Dept of Ed, ISL applied for a Lilly grant and will be awarded \$2m over 2 years, which will allow the restoration of all databases available via EBSCO/INSPIRE prior to July 1. Had a conversation with EBSCO recently and will try get things turned back on for all libraries in January (back to Complete level; plus Rosetta Stone and others lost)
- iii. Ruth – Does over 2 years mean the next 2 calendar years?
- iv. Jake – it covers through June 30 2028
- v. Josh – Isn't there also good news on the IMLS front?
- vi. Jake – Yes, it's been confirmed that IMLS funding is moving forward without reductions
- vii. Josh – Will libraries receive confirmation from ISL or EBSCO in the next few weeks?
- viii. Jake – Yes, from ISL. Also, did any academic libraries end up doing any collaborative purchases of lost INSPIRE databases? Will likely end up needing to be credits from EBSCO as result of INSPIRE restoration in 2026
- ix. Ruth. Yes – (on ALI RAC). IU and a few others did pick up their own subscriptions
- x. Josh – It will be important to spread the word about credits from EBSCO
- xi. Ruth – will let RAC know.

- xii. Josh – This is really great news; will hopefully improve the statistics!
- xiii. Jake – Yes, the 2nd half of 2025 will be a blip on the stats. Our next question is regarding the funding for INSPIRE after June 2028? Will it be all LSTA? A collaboration with ALI? Continue with Lilly funds? There is possibly not a state funding answer. Will need further discussion.
- xiv. Josh – yes, but great news for now; congrats and thanks to ISL and Dept. of Education (and Lilly)

V. Old Business

a. D2D 2025 Conference

- i. October 3, 2025- IU Indianapolis University Library
 - a. 55 in-person and 131 virtual attendees
 - b. Received mostly positive surveys – only low scores were for tech issues.
 - c. Came in under-budget for catering
- ii. Leigh Anne - IU Indy was a great host; would love to have it there again. Tech will always be an issue if there is a hybrid option. Committee will meet again in January to plan next year’s meeting.
- iii. Josh – Was the in-person attendance higher in 2025 than 2024?
- iv. Jen – yes, at least 10 more than Fall 2024

VI. New Business – Prospective new members for RSC from public libraries

- a. Three names submitted to committee in revised agenda this morning:
 - i. Jayanne Rumble – Montezuma PL
 - ii. Laurie Hogue – Yorktown PL
 - iii. Deridre’ Schirmer – Morrison-Reeves PL
- b. Leigh Anne - Jake asked us to find volunteers from public libraries for this committee, and we had an overwhelming response. Listed above are the first 3 who responded. Stephanie also wanted a school librarian – will put word out to try to find one. Assuming we need to run it by the committee, and that we need to vote?
- c. Josh – love the idea; I’m assuming the RSC has bylaws which outline the process?

- d. Jen – Yes; the RSC currently has 11 voting members; bylaws state we're allowed to have 9-15. Darlene and Trista are the 2 public library representatives
 - e. Josh – We could add these 3 and still have room for a school library representative (if one can be found; often difficult)
 - f. Ruth – Shouldn't this be a competitive process? Candidates could share notes about their interest and background?
 - g. Josh – How many other expressions of interest were received?
 - h. Leigh Anne – We received about 12-15 requests; at that point I told all to hold off as it needed to be taken to the committee
 - i. Josh – This is a nice surprise; yes, should ask all to share a statement
 - j. Robert – Would be a good idea to have a mix of public library sizes in the representation; and add an Evergreen library or two. Try to achieve the balance for public libraries like we have with academics.
 - k. Leigh Anne – Can we do this ahead of the next committee meeting? Would like to resolve this with the interested applicants sooner than later
 - l. Josh – If there's a process allowed within bylaws, we could gather statements as soon as possible and then vote in January. Ideally we'd invite new members to the next meeting
 - m. Jen – Will investigate bylaws and follow up after the meeting regarding process
- VII. New business: Question on EBSCO credits
- a. Ruth – Now that INSPIRE will be restored we'll again need to help libraries with EBSCO credits; what does the new INSPIRE license agreement say? Is there language restricting usage of credits like in previous licenses - only for new databases, or with existing subscriptions?
 - b. Jake – will research and email the group.
- VIII. Set next meeting date:
- a. Josh - If online voting doesn't suffice to choose new members, we may need a second meeting, but otherwise schedule for late Feb/early march
 - b. Leigh Anne – will send a poll after bylaws question resolved.
- IX. Announcements - none
- X. Adjourned at 1:32 PM; Robert gave motion to adjourn; 2nd by Ruth.