



IHLS – Board of Directors Meeting

April 28, 2026

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5:00 PM

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Effingham Public Library: 200 N 3rd St, Effingham, IL 62401, 217.342.2464

Illinois State Library: Gwendolyn Brooks Building, 300 South Second St, Springfield, IL 62701, 217.782.2994

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Matthew Greider

Ann-Marie Harland

Clayton Held

Kristi Lear

Linda McDonnell

Emily Pickell

Attending via electronic means:

5:00 PM	Action	1. Call to Order (Sarah Hill)
5:01 PM	Action	2. Roll Call (Stacie Bushong)
5:05 PM		3. Chair’s Welcome
	Action	4. Approval of March 24, 2026, Meeting Minutes (Attachment 4.1) (Sarah Hill)
5:10 PM	Action	5. Staff Activity Report (Attachment 5.1) (Sarah Hill)
	Action	6. Acceptance of March 2026 Bills (Attachment 6.1) (Michael Treece)
5:30 PM	Information	7. March 2026 Financial Report (Attachment 7.1) (Rhonda Johnisee)
	Information	8. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Update (Kristi Lear)
	Information	9. Open Meetings Act (OMA) Update (Kim Dykstra)
5:35 PM	Information	10. Public Comment
	Information	11. Illinois State Library Report
	Information	12. Communication

IMAGINING TOMORROW, DELIVERING POSSIBILITIES TODAY!

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Public Library Association Conference Update (Attachment 12.1) (Leslie Bednar) b. Reaching Forward South Conference Update (Attachment 12.2) (Cassandra Thompson) c. FY2026 Staff Realignment (Attachment 12.3) (Leslie Bednar) d. Updated FY2026 Pay Grade Assignments (Attachment 12.4) (Leslie Bednar) e. IHLS Historical Budget vs. Actual (Attachment 12.5) (Leslie Bednar) f. Digital Library Protection Act Update (Attachment 12.6) (Cassandra Thompson)
		13. Human Resources
5:45 PM	Action	a. Staff Report (Attachment 13.1)
5:50 PM	Action	b. Personnel – (This portion of the meeting may be held in executive session pursuant to Section 5 ILCS 120 § 2(c)(1))
5:55 PM	Information	14. Committee Reports (Sarah Hill)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Executive b. Budget and Finance c. Policy and Membership d. Facilities and Operations – did not meet e. Personnel f. Advocacy and Education – did not meet
	Information	15. Partner Reports
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE) (Leah Gregory) b. Illinois Library Association (ILA) c. Illinois State Library Advisory Committee (ISLAC)
6:15 PM		16. Unfinished Business
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. None
		17. New Business
6:30 PM	Information	a. FY2027 System Area and Per Capita Grant (Leslie Bednar)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. FY2027 Draft Budget and Budget Narrative (Attachment 17.1) ii. FY2027 Draft Operational Plan (Attachment 17.2)
	Action	b. FY2026 iLEAD LTT Budget Amendment (Attachment 17.3) (Rhonda Johnisee)
	Action	c. Additional Bank Signer (Attachment 17.4)
	Information	d. FY2026 Executive Director Evaluation (The meeting may be held in executive session pursuant to Section 5 ILCS 120 § 2(c)(1)) (Attachment 17.5) (Sarah Hill)
	Information	e. Board Survey
	Information	f. Farewell and Thank You to Mark Decker and Emily Pickell
	Action	g. Agenda Building
6:45 PM	Information	18. Public Comment
7:00 PM	Information	19. Announcements
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The next meeting is scheduled for May 26. Please be sure to check email regularly in case of date change or cancellation.
7:05 PM		20. Adjournment