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Attention PrairieCat Travelers,

In anticipation for the next Delegates Assembly Meeting to be held at the **New Lenox Public Library on Wednesday, October 30th, 2024**, we are looking for PrairieCat Passport Program travel destinations!

The PrairieCat Engagement Committee has launched the PrairieCat Passport program to encourage more engagement among PrairieCat member libraries. Visiting other libraries is a great way to network with your colleagues and even pick up new ideas to bring back to your library! Our pilot program (see what I did there? 🧑🏻✈️) had a positive result and we're looking forward to future travels.

What is it? After the quarterly Delegates Assembly meetings, members are encouraged to visit other PrairieCat libraries in the area. There will be a list of participating libraries in the area that you can visit on your way home. You'll get your passport stamped for each library you visit as well as the opportunity to pick up some PrairieCat swag.

What do I have to do as a participating library? Provide a welcoming environment and, if staff time allows, offer guided tours. Set out the PrairieCat provided check-in sheet and promotional items for visitors. Don't forget to stamp the passports!

Ideally these destination libraries would be approximately a 30-minute drive from the New Lenox Public Library (120 Veterans Pkwy, New Lenox, IL 60451). If you're interested in participating and are a further distance, let me know and I'll add you to the list for future Delegates Assembly Meetings.

Please let us know if you'd like to volunteer to be a PrairieCat Passport Destination for this upcoming Delegates Assembly Meeting by **Wednesday, October 16th**.

Thank you to all the libraries that have already volunteered!

If you're interested in opening up your library to PrairieCat travelers, please respond to this email and PrairieCat Member Services Administrator Elizabeth Smith (elizabeth.smith@prairiecat.org) and I will be in touch with more information.

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