

RSA Day 2026 Meeting Agenda

December 2, 2025 at Fondulac District Library at 9:15 am

ZOOM LINK: <https://railslibraries.zoom.us/j/92803240385>

RSA DAY 2026 will be held at Spoon River College Outreach Center in Macomb on April 8, 2026 from 9:30 am to 3 pm. Committee to arrive at 8:30 am

9:30 am to 3 pm	SCHEDULE
9:30 am-10am	Registration
10-11	Keynote
11:05-12:05	Breakout 1
12:10-12:55	LUNCH
1-2	Breakout 2
2-3	Breakout 3

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes from September 30, 2025 and October 28, 2025
4. Review Site Visit to Spoon River College Outreach Center on November 4.
 - a. Presenters to bring flash drives, computers provided.
 - b. Will need to bring signs for room locations for the day
5. Sessions
 - a. Approval of Proposals
 - i. All Your Art Gallery Questions Answered by Karla @ Peoria Public
 - ii. Book Clubs & More by Jacque @ Heyworth & Deanna @ FDL
 - iii. Crafty Catalogers by Lisa Schemenskey @ RSA
 - iv. AI & the Library World by Pam Thomas CMC
 - v. Help! My customer wants to research family history by Sue Kaufman, Peoria Public Library
 - vi. A Million Illinoisans without library service let's change that by Joe Filapek
 - b. Programs to Finalize Panelists
 - i. Senior Programming Panel – see list below; select members
 - ii. Kim @ Prairie Creek – Finding Free Programing in Your town – need to discuss how this is different, maybe put together panel?
 - iii. Jessica @ Forman Valley – Affordable Programming – not willing to have other presenters, if accept iii & iv need to make descriptions clear on how they are different.
 - c. Finalize Session List
 - i. IMRF program – description needed
 - ii. SIRSI program - description needed
 - iii. Reports Dashboard by Kendal – description needed
 - iv. Other asks to make?

Location	Breakout 1	Breakout 2	Breakout 3
Conference 1 (64)	IMRF	IMRF	IMRF
Conference 2 (64)	Sirsi	Sirsi	Sirsi
Conference 3 (64)	Accessible Library Programs	Programming – Finding Free & Affordable Programming	A Million Illinoisans without libraries? Let's change that!
Classroom 1 (24)	All Your Art Gallery Questions Answered	Help! My customer wants to research family history	Senior Programming Panel
Classroom 2 (24)	Book Clubs & More		
Classroom 3 (24)	Crafty Catalogers	AI & The Library World	
Computer 1 (16)	Reports Dashboard by Kendal		

6. Decide on Vendor Fair
 - a. Who will oversee it?
 - b. Who do we invite?

7. Registration and Publicity for RSA Day
 - a. When will registration open – are we doing on jot form?
 - b. Email announcement of keynote and session ideas

8. Adjournment

Next Meeting: January 6, 2025 at FDL at 9:15 am

Sessions Confirmed and Descriptions Bold is confirmed

IMRF

Finding Free Programming in Your Town & Affordable Programming – combo session?

Accessible Programs

SIRSI

Reports Dashboard Session by Kendal

All Your Art Gallery Questions Answered

How do you maintain a public art display in your library? What are the rules you should follow? What supplies do you need? Learn the basics of having an art gallery in your library and get all your questions answered.

Karla Peoria Public Library; Richard Young Brown County Public Library; and possible Beth Duttlinger - We do an art show in June and a fiber art show in November. It is for exhibition only but we do an opening reception for each. The displays stay up about 4 weeks and we usually get a nice group of items. If that fits in your panel, I can talk about it at RSA Day.

Book Clubs & More – Jacque Stengel, Heyworth Library & Deanna Hoenbery, Fondulac Library

Programs designed for different age book clubs. The books and the activities that surround them, from Stem to Arts and Crafts.

For instance:

Hoot (4-6th grade) Owl pellet dissection and an Owl craft

Charlotte's Web Recycled Pig Medicine Bottle Bank and a God's eye Spider Web with Spider.

Adult book club "After Dark Romance" from FDL will be discussed.

Crafty Catalogers: A Networking Event

Join other crafty, clever catalogers for a networking session hosted by members from the RSA Bibliographic Services Department. This time is for you to discuss all things cataloging with other catalogers in RSA, while creating origami art as you chat. Don't want to fold an origami papercraft? That's fine too! Come for the snacks, networking, and to discover some of the astute cataloging choices your fellow crafty catalogers have made at their libraries. We will conclude the session by inviting catalogers to share takeaways from their networking discussions with the larger group.

Senior Programming Panel: these are the response from potential panel members

Heather Darding, Kewanee - We deliver books and such to homebound people. We have in house programs for seniors, and we provide 1 on 1 teaching of computers, tablets and phones to get books and whatnot.

Madison Benson, MPL - What I would be bringing to the table to discuss is the future of Outreach Services.

As those familiar with the digital age get older and need Outreach Services, the collection and ways of picking out books will likely need change. While much of my current homebound/outreach patrons read mostly Amish and Christian, a new wave of large print readers (younger) gravitates towards different genres. I have already begun to change the genres of large print books in order to appeal to those wanted something other than Amish or Christian.

In regard to being more familiar with their devices some Outreach patrons may want to place holds for themselves, rather than myself creating lists for them and placing their holds. This would also change "library time," a change the Morton Public Library has been making over the past couple of months. Rather than bringing 30-40 books to browse, we have transitioned to a bag exchange at several locations. This exchange happens every other week where one bag of books is swapped for another. This ensures that they are not only getting exactly what they want but there will also be less books that are lost since they have a home within the bag. There are still some individuals I utilize genre/author lists for, but oftentimes I get requests. The change to a bag exchange will allow a smooth transition from myself picking the books to patrons that are able/willing to do it themselves.

A side note I could discuss a bit about is the ideas surrounding doing a monthly program at facilities as well. Currently, there's a monthly "Crafternoon" program here at the library that largely brings in seniors, about 24 people. We added an evening due to popularity. Hosting a craft program at the facilities is something that I am striving to do at some point in the future. *Rotating staff makes this hard to plan at most retirement/senior centers.

Catherine at Chillicothe - What I do isn't extensive (not sure I have 20 minutes worth of info to share), but if you think it would be a good fit for the panel, I'd be happy to participate. Below I'm including brief descriptions of our programming and services aimed at this population.

The main program we offer that caters specifically to seniors is "**Remember When.**" We meet off site in the community room of a local assisted living facility (Evergreen), but the program is open to the public (we rarely have non-residents join us, but they'd be welcome). There's a different topic each month (ex., school days, food, music, summertime, etc.), and I prepare a few questions and facilitate a discussion as we share reminiscences about that topic. It's very informal; the questions just help to focus us and spark discussion as needed. I'd be happy to share lists of questions I've prepared for past sessions.

At the library, we host a monthly **Dementia Caregivers Support Group**, facilitated by volunteers with the Alzheimer's Association. This group has been growing, and often there are a dozen or so attendees, most of whom are seniors who have loved ones dealing with dementia. As far as I know, this is the only group of its kind in Chillicothe.

We also offer **home delivery services**, though we've never had a lot of people on our roster for that (currently one active patron). Some patrons utilize the service only during winter months, or

if they're convalescing from an injury. Others have used it on an ongoing basis. I've had a couple of patrons at Evergreen receive home delivery in the past.

One of the employees from Evergreen facilitates a program at the library called **"Knots of Fun,"** which welcomes fiber crafters of any age to come knit, crochet, stitch, or whatever! It meets two afternoons a month, and probably about 2/3 of participants are seniors, though we've had some younger people (30s, 40s, and a couple of teens, too), so it's been somewhat intergenerational. Similarly, our monthly **adult craft program** is sometimes in the morning/afternoon, and sometimes in the evening, so there are opportunities to participate for seniors who prefer daytime programs. I facilitate two **"What the Tech?!"** sessions each month, teaching basic computer and technology skills. While not exclusive of other demographics, the weekday morning classes and the topics do intentionally cater to seniors.

About twice a month we show **12:00 pm movies**, which are mainly attended by seniors.

Our monthly Saturday afternoon **concert series** also draws a lot of seniors. While it's not marketed specifically to them, we wanted to offer daytime concerts in order to make them more accessible to the elderly and those who prefer not to go out at night.

Cindy Wright – Peoria Public I do programs at six memory care communities each month and would be happy to share my experiences as part of your three-person panel if you think it would be a good fit. Please contact me with any questions about what I do or if you need further information. Note: I have presented on my programs along with Mary Beth Riednor and Lavana Hawkins for two ILA Conferences: October 2020 (Virtual) and October 2025 (in Rosemont, IL).

AI and the Library World

Session description: Eric McKinney, CMC Cataloging Trainer, and Dr. Pamela Thomas, Bibliographic Grant Manager, CMC, will be discussing AI and the library world, including ChatGPT and BingAI as related to libraries, AI and Circulation, Acquisitions, and Interlibrary Loan, AI and Cataloging, and the ethics and legalities of AI. They will also provide a brief overview about the Cataloging Maintenance Center's free services.

Help! My customer wants to research family history By Sue Kaufman, Peoria Public Library

Feeling at a loss when someone visits your location and says, "I want to know about my family"? Want to know how to be more effective using free websites to help those customers? Does your library have a local history collection that is used for family history? In this session we'll talk about effective customer service strategies, an overview of free websites - and have time to share a little bit about our library collection so our colleagues can effectively refer researchers to other locations.

A Million Illinoisans Without Libraries? Let's Change that!

Did you know nearly a MILLION Illinoisans are missing out on the amazing world of public libraries? That's a huge number of people without access to books, programs, and vital

community connections. Join our lively panel to discover exciting and innovative ways we can bridge this gap and work towards bringing access to every corner of the state. From clever partnerships to expanding our reach in unexpected places, you'll leave inspired and ready to make a difference. Get ready to explore solutions like intergovernmental agreements, community college connections, and even rethinking what access looks like. This isn't just informative – it's about building a stronger, more connected Illinois!

Presented by Joe Filapek, RAILS (maybe Michelle Roubal, Joliet Jr. College; Catherine Yanikoski, Engineering Systems)