

## Library Membership Criteria Standards for Library Systems: A Comparison

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>PROPOSED SOUTHERN SYSTEMS MERGER PROJECT CRITERIA</b>	<b>ILLINOIS LIBRARY LAWS &amp; RULES</b>	<b>SERVING OUR PUBLIC 2.0 RECOMMENDED CRITERIA</b>
Staff	Serves the information needs of its constituents	No citation noted	Core standard 1: The library provides uniformly gracious, friendly, timely, and reliable service to all users.
Collection	Maintains a physical and/or virtual collection in format and organization appropriate to the needs of its patrons/clientele/students/residents	No citation noted	Basic essential standards: have an organized collection of information
Staff	Employs a director or head librarian working a minimum of 20 hours/week (Public, Special and Academic): Schools employ a certified librarian working a minimum of the equivalent of ½ the regular average school week.	No citation noted	Core standard 8: The board of trustees appoints a qualified librarian as library administrator and delegates active management of the library to the library administrator.
Financial	Receives permanent fiscal support (for school and public libraries, this fiscal support must be more than the state per capita grant amount)	To provide local public institutions of general education for citizens of Illinois, the corporate authorities of any city may establish and maintain a public library for the use and benefit of the residents of the city and may, subject to the limitations of Article 3, levy a tax for library purposes.	Basic essential standards: be supported in part or in whole by public funds
Financial	Maintains or increases financial support of library services as a result of System membership	No citation noted	Basic essential standards: be supported in part or in whole by public funds
Collection	Houses a readily identified, centrally located collection of books and other media, or, in lieu thereof, a centrally accessible information base in electronic form, of sufficient size to be significant and substantial in relation to the current and prospective library needs of the library's constituency	No citation noted	Basic essential standards: have an organized collection of information
Operations	Completes reports required by the Illinois State Library, Illinois Library Systems and other applicable organizations	No citation noted	Core standard 4: The library complies with all other state and federal laws that affect library operations.

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Operations	Interacts with System on at least an annual basis and provides information and feedback as requested	Member libraries should participate in the system decision-making process through attending meetings, responding to surveys and serving on committees.	Core standard 16: The library is a member of an Illinois regional library system, fulfills the membership requirements of its system, is a responsible partner in the Illinois Library and Information Network (ILLINET), and participates in resource sharing through interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing.
Consulting	Shares available expertise with the System and other members	Personnel in member libraries should be willing to share expertise with other member libraries.	
Resource Sharing	Follows the ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Code (from the Administrative Code: <a href="http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/023/023030300000350R.html">http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/023/023030300000350R.html</a> )	Member libraries should offer and promote interlibrary loan service to their primary clientele. Member libraries are responsible for training staff to handle ILL transactions and statistics-gathering and statistics gathered in accordance with system policies and procedures.	Core standard 16: The library is a member of an Illinois regional library system, fulfills the membership requirements of its system, is a responsible partner in the Illinois Library and Information Network (ILLINET), and participates in resource sharing through interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing.
Resource Sharing	Participates in sharing resources as allowed, with exceptions for proprietary limitations of the parent organization	Member libraries should offer and promote interlibrary loan service to their primary clientele.	Core standard 17: The library provides access to resource sharing by entering the library's collections into a regional, statewide, or national database, and actively promotes resource sharing via interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing.
Operations	Honors System Bylaws, Plan of Service, and Library System board-approved policies	System members should provide, as determined by the library systems of which they are a member, the library services that either meet or make progress toward meeting the membership responsibilities defined in this Part [Service Standards].	Core standard 16: The library is a member of an Illinois regional library system, fulfills the membership requirements of its system, is a responsible partner in the Illinois Library and Information Network (ILLINET), and participates in resource sharing through interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing.
Operations	Meets the Member Responsibilities stated in the 'Standards for the Services of Multitype Library Systems'	System members should provide, as determined by the library systems of which they are a member, the library services that either meet or make progress toward meeting the membership responsibilities defined in this Part [Service Standards].	Core standard 16: The library is a member of an Illinois regional library system, fulfills the membership requirements of its system, is a responsible partner in the Illinois Library and Information Network (ILLINET), and participates in resource sharing through interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing.
Operations	Adheres to the legal definitions of "library" in the Illinois Compiled Statutes	No citation noted	No citation noted

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Continuing Education-- Academics	Continuing Education - Participate in System workshops or other continuing education opportunities to build skills, expertise and knowledge.	Member libraries should provide paid release time for their professional staff to attend at least 10 contact hours, and for support staff to attend at least 5 contact hours, of system-sponsored or system-endorsed continuing education events annually.	Core standard 16: The library is a member of an Illinois regional library system, fulfills the membership requirements of its system, is a responsible partner in the Illinois Library and Information Network (ILLINET), and participates in resource sharing through interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing.
Staffing-- Academics	Staffing and Education - Maintain a professionally trained staff of adequate size to serve its constituency and maintain appropriate accreditation evaluations (i.e. — Higher Learning Commission) for the institution. Any librarian appointed to a college or university library faculty shall have the appropriate terminal professional degree. Appointment to any rank shall meet the criteria appropriate to that rank.	No citation noted	Basic essential standards: have an organized collection of information
Operations-- Academics	Standards - The academic library shall strive to achieve the accepted standards presented in Standards for Libraries in Higher Education, ACRL, Staff: <a href="http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/standards/edpersacad.cfm">http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/standards/edpersacad.cfm</a> or <a href="http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/standards/promotiontenure.cfm">http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/standards/promotiontenure.cfm</a>	No citation noted	No citation noted
Resource sharing-- Publics	Reciprocal Borrowing - Provides reciprocal borrowing to resident patrons of other Illinois public libraries that are full members of the Library System	Member libraries should provide reciprocal borrowing to persons holding a valid library card from a public library in Illinois. Member libraries should provide for reciprocal access to other member libraries.	Core standard 16: The library is a member of an Illinois regional library system, fulfills the membership requirements of its system, is a responsible partner in the Illinois Library and Information Network (ILLINET), and participates in resource sharing through interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing.

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Resource sharing-- Publics	Nonresident cards - Honors library cards issued to non-residents of the System area unless the library does not opt out of the non-resident card program (see the Administrative Code: <a href="http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/023/023030300000350R.html">http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/023/023030300000350R.html</a> )	No citation noted	Core standard 16: The library is a member of an Illinois regional library system, fulfills the membership requirements of its system, is a responsible partner in the Illinois Library and Information Network (ILLINET), and participates in resource sharing through interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing.
Operations-- Publics	Standards - Strives to achieve the accepted standards presented in 'Serving Our Public 2.0: Standards for Illinois Public Libraries, 2009'	No citation noted	
Continuing education-- Publics	Continuing education - participates in system workshops or other continuing education opportunities to build skills, expertise and knowledge.	Member libraries should provide paid release time for their professional staff to attend at least 10 contact hours, and for support staff to attend at least 5 contact hours, of system-sponsored or system-endorsed continuing education events annually.	Core standard 16: The library is a member of an Illinois regional library system, fulfills the membership requirements of its system, is a responsible partner in the Illinois Library and Information Network (ILLINET), and participates in resource sharing through interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing.
Staff-- Publics	Staffing and Education-- see <b>Appendix A</b> for an explanation of required staffing levels for different public library populations and EAV (equalized assessed valuation) levels	No citation noted	Core standard 8: The board of trustees appoints a qualified librarian as library administrator and delegates active management of the library to the library administrator.
Continuing educations-- Schools	Continuing Education - Participate in System workshops or other continuing education opportunities to build skills, expertise and knowledge.	Member libraries should provide paid release time for their professional staff to attend at least 10 contact hours, and for support staff to attend at least 5 contact hours, of system-sponsored or system-endorsed continuing education events annually.	No citation noted
Staff-- Schools	Library Director Education Qualifications and Staffing Levels - For Public School Districts School Media certification is required. For private schools either School Media Certification or an MLS is acceptable. See <b>Appendix B</b> for professional and support level staffing criteria, based on student enrollment.	Illinois School Code requires School Media certification for one librarian per school district.	No citation noted

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Operations-- Schools	Standards - Each School district shall provide a program of library media services for the students in each of its schools (23 ILL Adm. Code 1.420 Subchapter a: Library Media Programs). Additionally Schools should strive to achieve the accepted standards presented in Linking for Learning, 3rd. ed. Available from the Illinois School Library Media Association.	Illinois School Code requires each school to have a library.	No citation noted
Staff-- Schools	Hours - Each school district shall have trained staff at every building in the district at least 50% of the time school is open for the students.	No citation noted	No citation noted
Continuing education-- Specials	Continuing Education - Participate in System workshops or other continuing education opportunities to build skills, expertise and knowledge.	Member libraries should provide paid release time for their professional staff to attend at least 10 contact hours, and for support staff to attend at least 5 contact hours, of system-sponsored or system-endorsed continuing education events annually.	No citation noted
Staff-- Specials	Staffing and Education - Maintain a staff of adequate size and quality to meet the library and information needs of its users, headed by a specifically identified administrator whose primary responsibility is the provision of library/information services.	No citation noted	Core standard 8: The board of trustees appoints a qualified librarian as library administrator and delegates active management of the library to the library administrator.
Operations-- Specials	<i>Special libraries:</i> Standards - Special Libraries should strive to meet standards as designated by the appropriate division of the Special Libraries Association, the American Association of Law Libraries, the Medical Library Association, or other relevant associations.	No citation noted	No citation noted