
SHARE E-Resources Committee Minutes

Monday, March 24, 2025

3:00 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

Laura Picato called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present via Zoom

Laura Picato, Jenna Dauer, Erica Hanke-Young, Alissa Henkel, Sarah Hill, Kami Komm, Janet McAllister, and Sherry Waldrep. Doug Roberts arrived at 3:30 p.m.

Members absent

None.

Others present via Zoom

Danielle Beasley, John Kirchner, Dena Porter, Kathleen Rister, Andrea Sellars, and Cassandra Thompson.

Approval of September 23, 2024, Minutes

Action taken: Alissa Henkel made a motion to approve the September 23, 2024, minutes and Laura Picato seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SHARE Update

Group Purchases

The SHARE Director announced upcoming group purchase opportunities, including McNaughton Book Leasing for SHARE, LibraryIQ, and Swank Movie Licensing, which now includes a new streaming platform.

SHARE Vote

The SHARE vote is still ongoing, so the SHARE Director encouraged everyone to vote if they have not already.

Aspen

The Aspen catalog migration project has been completed, though the team is still working through some outstanding issues. Aspen catalogs can include third-party e-resource vendors, Illinois Digital Archives, and EBSCO.

Database Dashboards

There are new data dashboards available to assist with reports like IPLAR, now available on the SHARE website.

Reaching Forward South Conference

SHARE staff are going to sponsor Reaching Forward South this year in Effingham, IL., and invite committee members to stop by the SHARE booth during the conference.

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Kit & Kaboodle

The SHARE Member Engagement Specialist has been attending networking events to advertise the SHARE Kit & Kaboodle program. SHARE members are encouraged to participate by converting programming materials into Kit & Kaboodle items to share with other libraries.

New Business

CloudLibrary Report

Some libraries have had issues with the CloudLibrary app on Kindle Fire. Patrons must uninstall the old archived CloudLibrary app before installing the new one. More information will be sent through the upcoming SHARE newsletter.

OCLC is working to identify publishers that publish AI audiobooks and develop a method of filtering these titles.

There is a new CloudLibrary logo and branding, with new promotional materials on the SHARE website.

CloudLibrary Circulation Analysis

The SHARE Resource Sharing Specialist shared a recent analysis of CloudLibrary usage and collection. The cost-per-circ is \$.41 per use, with two holds per copy on average, with an average wait of 25 days. Twenty-eight percent of users have checked out more than twelve titles in the last year. The top circulating categories are Romance, Action/Adventure, Mystery/Detective, and Thriller.

SHARE has been monitoring circulation statistics to gauge the impact of adding all members to CloudLibrary. From July 2024 to February 2025, patrons checked out 210,150 items. That is less than the same period the previous year, when patrons checked out 230,307 items. The decrease might be attributed to the impact of Aspen or due to long hold times.

There are 230K items available in the collection via owned and pay-per-use titles. There are about 40 members who select their own titles, and a few libraries contribute additional funds. The remaining allocations are purchased by the SHARE Resource Sharing Specialist. She will also accept suggestions for purchase.

Reserve Fund

The SHARE Finance & Policy Committee suggested using cash reserves to better support CloudLibrary and reduce hold times. At a previous meeting, the committee voted to include \$50K in FY2026 as a budget line item to support CloudLibrary, in addition to membership fee contributions, which are estimated at \$143K. This will likely be reviewed each year to determine the availability of funds.

Adult versus Young Adult Designation

A school library recently requested we change the audience of a Freida McFadden title to Young Adult in CloudLibrary. The committee reviewed the request and suggested a more formal procedure to review requests to change audience designations. The SHARE Resource Sharing Specialist will bring a

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procedure to complement the existing Collection Development Policy to the next meeting. There were no other proposed changes at this time.

Other

A committee member asked about the availability of funding due to recent news from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The SHARE Director explained that funding is expected through September 2025, though there is a concern about future support of the Museum and Library Services Act (MLSA), which needs to be renewed in September 2025. Both IHLS and SHARE are planning a reduced budget next fiscal year as a precautionary measure.

A committee member also asked about a previous request to reorder formats, including e-resource vendors. The formats have been reordered, but unfortunately, that did not include reordering vendors. We have requested additional development, but there is an additional cost, planned for FY2026.

Public Comment

None.

Announcements

None.

Next meeting

Monday, September 22, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the chair adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.