



Illinois Heartland Library System

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## Membership Updates

### November 2024

#### Action on Suspensions approved by the IHLS Board in May 2024

The Illinois State Library has verbally indicated to us that [these suspensions](#) will be approved with the exception of the action regarding the Mounds Public Library. A recently discovered legal definition of “employee” indicates that a salary does not necessarily need to be in place. For the time being, this will allow Mounds to continue serving their patrons, maintain eligibility for per capita grants, and take advantage of the Technology Grant that was awarded to them in June of 2024.

#### Membership Application from the Sandoval Public Library

In 2018, the village of Sandoval began to take the necessary actions to legally disconnect from the Centralia Regional Library District. Through a complicated legal process, they became an independent legal entity as of July 1, 2020. Since then, they have been exploring membership in IHLS.

As the library became established, there were conversations with village administrators and several site visits. A visit in the summer of 2022 involved SHARE and Membership Staff. At the time, representatives of the Sandoval Library were given a membership application and asked to return it for consideration. That application was returned to IHLS in August of 2024.

Their hope is to join the System and become a part of SHARE. A site visit was done on Sept. 4, 2024. For a small library, the application is acceptable with one concern: their funds are very limited. Their budget for the current fiscal year indicates projected revenues of \$11,000 and expenditures of \$53,906.00. The village has made up the difference and is committed to doing so moving forward. We have requested a copy of the village board minutes confirming that commitment.

Recommended action: Motion to approve the Membership Updates.

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