



DATE: October 16, 2026

TO: RAILS Board of Directors

FROM: Monica Harris, Executive Director

SUBJECT: 8.3 New Member Application

RAILS Member Engagement Specialist Jessica Silva will present the new member application for Crumbaugh Library for your approval at our October 23 meeting. The applications are included with this memo.

As a reminder, it is stated in our [Bylaws](#) under Article 4, Membership in the System, subsection A Eligibility that:

*The statutes and administrative rules of the State of Illinois and the Membership Criteria of the System govern Membership in the System. Any Public, School, Academic or Special library, within the service area, is eligible to apply for Membership. Participating libraries will hereinafter be known as Members. **Acceptance is subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the System and the State Librarian and implies agreement by the applying library to applicable State statutes and rules and to the System's Bylaws, policies and Plan of Service.** Members agree to comply with policies, rules and regulations required for maintaining Membership.*

We look forward to sharing more information about these potential members at the October meeting.



Library Summary

Institution name: J.T. & E.J. Crumbagh Memorial Library

Library name: J.T. & E.J. Crumbagh Memorial Library

Library type: Special

City: LeRoy

Primary library contact: Denise Woltkamp

Recommended board action: Full Membership

Library holdings: 9660

OCLC member (yes or no): No

Online catalog (OPAC): Destiny

eRead Illinois member (yes or no): No

Description:

The J.T. & E.J. Crumbagh Memorial Library is a special library. The Crumbaugh family left farmland to fund the library, so it is an endowed special library, but it is open to the public. Anyone can come in and anyone can get a card, and visiting townsfolk often get a library card at Crumbaugh. The library will celebrate 100 years next year. Denise Woltkamp is the head librarian, and there are three other paid staff members. The Crumbaugh library does story time, serves the senior center in activities like sponsoring bingo, hosts gardening programs, and partners with community partners. They also do programming like reading challenges and blind date with a book. It is a one room library, and people use various areas to work and study. The library also has a lot of local and family history and a genealogy resources. They work with the local school district to provide library services to students as well. They are interested in joining eRead and RAILS continuing education.