

Glossary (including acronyms)

24/7/365

Access to library service(s) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

ADA

Americans with Disabilities Act. www.ada.gov

Adaptive Technologies

Adaptive technologies enable disabled persons (visual, hearing, mobility) to utilize products that they would not normally be able to use such as computers, phones, movies, etc.

ALA

American Library Association. www.ala.org

Appropriation

Public funds set aside for a specific purpose. An appropriation amount gives the library board of trustees the authority to spend the funds. The appropriation amount includes money that will be spent from all sources—tax levy, state or federal funds, interest, donations and endowments, and other library revenue including but not limited to fines and fees.

Audit

A systematic examination of the financial records of an organization conducted, as a rule, by an external party to verify the accuracy of and determine conformance to established financial criteria; a written report of such examination.

Authentication

Authentication is the verification of an individual's identity.

Back Door Referendum

The Illinois Compiled Statutes [10 ILCS 5/28-2(f)] defines a back door referendum as the submission of a public question to the voters of a political subdivision, initiated by a petition of voters or residents of such political subdivision, to determine whether an action by the governing body of such subdivision shall be adopted or rejected.

Backbone

A backbone is a major artery of networked systems. Smaller networks may be attached.

Blog

A blog is a type of website, typically in journal format, that permits user posts. The posts generally are arranged in chronological order with the most recent post at the top.

Boundaries (Library)

The library's legally defined, geographic service area from which the library receives tax support for the provision of library services.

Broadband

Broadband is high-speed Internet connectivity ranging from 256kbps (kilobits per second) and higher.

Budget

A plan for conforming expenditures to income.

Bylaws

A law, ordinance, or regulation made by a public or private corporation, or an association or unincorporated society, for the regulation of its own local or internal affairs and its dealings with others or for the governance of its members.

CARLI

Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois. www.carli.illinois.edu

Cataloging

The preparation of bibliographic records in accordance with specific uniform principles. (See also Classification)

CD-ROM

Compact Disc Read Only Memory. The compact disc format holds text, graphics, and sound much like an audio CD but with different track formats for data. CD-ROMs hold in excess of 600 MB of data, which is equivalent to about 250,000 pages of text or 20,000 medium-resolution images. An audio CD player cannot play CD-ROMs, but CD-ROM players usually can play audio CDs.

C.F.R.

Code of Federal Regulations. www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html

Classification

Arrangement of bibliographic records by specific numbers and letters in accordance with a systematically predetermined and arranged schedule, generally by subject matter. Two commonly known and used schedules are the Dewey Decimal System and the Library of Congress Classification. (See also Cataloging)

Collection Management

The continuous review and evaluation of the library's collection to ensure that the collection is current, relevant, and useful.

Conditioned Power

Conditioned power is electrical service that is protected from line noise, voltage surges and spikes, brownouts, and blackouts.

Conflict of Interest

The *Public Officers Prohibited Activities Act* [50 ILCS 105] delineates areas with which public officers must comply in order to avoid conflicts of interest.

Cooperative Collection Development

A system for coordinating selection and purchase of materials between two or more libraries in order to avoid unnecessary duplication, complement the collections of participating libraries, and utilize public funds in a responsive manner.

Corporate Authority

The aggregate body of officers of a municipality vested with the authority in regard to the particular matters referred to by statute.

CREW

Continuous Review, Evaluation, and Weeding. An ongoing process of evaluating and weeding collections as detailed in Belinda Boon's *The CREW Method: Expanded Guidelines for Collection Evaluation and Weeding for Small and Medium Sized Public Libraries* (Texas State Library, 1995). www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/pubs/crew/index.html

Distribution Closet

A room containing equipment racks filled with hubs and patch panels for arranging connections.

Download

The process of transferring a file from a computer on the Internet to your own computer. Things you might download include software, images, email, music, videos, podcasts, etc.

EEOC

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. www.eeoc.gov/

E-Rate

The Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, commonly known as "E-Rate," is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and provides discounts to assist most schools and libraries in the United States to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access. www.usac.org/sl/

FICA

Federal Insurance Contribution Act. FICA is the tax provisions of the *Social Security Act*, as they appear in the Internal Revenue Code. www.ssa.gov

Firewall

A firewall is a collection of security measures designed to prevent unauthorized electronic access to a networked computer system.

FTE

Full-time equivalent; full-time employee.

Hardware

Hardware is computer components such as the monitor, keyboard, central processing unit (CPU), mouse, etc.

Hub

A passive device for splitting LAN signals and distributing them among multiple computers, servers, and other network-attached devices.

HVAC

Heating Ventilating Air Conditioning.

ILA

Illinois Library Association. www.ila.org

ILCS

Illinois Compiled Statutes. www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp

Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann.

Illinois Compiled Statutes Annotated. Published by LexisNexis.

ILLINET

Illinois Library and Information Network.

ILLINET INTERLIBRARY LOAN CODE

The interlibrary loan code governs resource sharing among ILLINET members. www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/libraries/pdfs/illcode.pdf

IMRF

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. IMRF is established under statutes adopted by the Illinois General Assembly and governed by a board of seven trustees who must also be participating members. Many, but not all, Illinois public libraries participate in IMRF. Both employers and employees contribute to IMRF. www.imrf.org

Interlibrary Loan

Interlibrary loan is the process by which a library requests material from, or supplies material to, another library. The purpose of interlibrary loan is to obtain, upon request of a library user, material not available in the user's local library.

Internet

Internet is an international network of computer networks.

I-Share

I-Share is the online union catalog for CARLI member libraries and is a statewide resource-sharing database. www.vufind.carli.illinois.edu/all/vf/

LAN

Local Area Network, or collection of interconnected computers, servers, and hubs within an organization. Multiple LANs linked together form a WAN, or Wide Area Network.

LLSAP

Local Library System Automation Programs. Each regional library system's cooperative resource sharing (union catalog, OPAC, interlibrary loan) program for member libraries.

MARC

Machine Readable Cataloging. The MARC formats are standards for the representation and communication of catalog records in computerized formats. www.loc.gov/marc/

MLS/MLIS

Master's in Library Science degree/Master's in Library and Information Science degree.

Nonresident Fee Cards

Nonresidents are persons who reside outside of a tax-supported library's legal service area and, therefore, are not being assessed a tax for public library service. Public library boards may choose to extend public library services to nonresidents through a nonresident fee. Municipal libraries: 75 ILCS 5/47(12) and Public Library Districts: 75 ILCS 16/30-55.60.

OCLC

Online Computer Library Center. OCLC is an international cataloging and resource-sharing database. www.oclc.org

OPAC

Online Public Access Catalog. An OPAC is an online card catalog accessible to the public.

Open Captioning

Open captioning is on-screen text descriptions that display a video's dialogue.

Open Meetings Act

The *Open Meetings Act* [5 ILCS 120] is an Illinois law that details conduct of meetings for municipal/governmental agencies.

OSHA

Occupational Safety and Health Administration. OSHA is the main federal agency charged with the enforcement of safety and health legislation. www.osha.gov

PLA

Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association. www.pla.org

Podcast

A podcast is a digital recording made available on the Internet for downloading to a personal audio player, including video as well as audio files. Podcast is derived from a combination of "broadcasting" and "iPod."

Premises Wiring

Premises wiring is the communications cabling within a building or individual office/tenant space.

Reciprocal Borrowing

A form of cooperative agreement between two or more libraries allowing their users onsite circulation/borrowing privileges at another library.

Referendum

A referendum is the submission of a proposed public measure or law to the vote of the people for ratification or rejection. Illinois law prescribes the details for submission of public questions.

Remote Access

Remote access is the ability for a library patron to access via computer various library resources (the library catalog, website, electronic databases, etc.) 24/7/365.

Riser (Management)

Riser (management) is the connections from the building backbone to separate multiple departments, typically in multistory buildings.

Router

A router is a special purpose, active switching device that links a LAN to a backbone or links multiple LANs to a WAN. Leading router vendors include Cisco, Nortel, and 3Com.

RSS Feeds

RSS feeds are a method of describing news or other web content that is available for “feeding” (distribution or syndication) from an online publisher to web users.

Server

A server is a computer designated as a shared resource on a LAN. Leading server vendors include Gateway, IBM, Compaq, Dell, and Hewlett-Packard.

Software

Computer programs that operate the computer system itself as well as user programs that enable the creation and manipulation of data.

Structured Cabling

Structured cabling is a complete system of wiring, connecting devices, and installation standards certified to deliver a specified data-transmission speed over a LAN.

System Integrator (SI)

Like a general contractor for computer systems, a system integrator (SI) procures and installs all the structured cabling, servers, computers, and software for a LAN.

TDD

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf. See TTY.

TRS

Telecommunications Relay Service. With TRS, an operator types what the caller says, and the person being called reads the text on a TTY. In turn, the person being called responds via TTY, and the operator reads the text aloud to the caller.

TTY

TTY is a text telephone that enables the deaf, hard of hearing, and speech-impaired to communicate via text messaging. A TTY is needed at both conversation points.

United for Libraries/ALTAFF

Association for Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations, a division of the American Library Association. www.ala.org/united/

U.S.C.

United States Code. www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/index.html

Virtual Private Network (VPN)

A virtual private network is a private network built within a public network.

Virtual Reference

Virtual reference is a 24/7/365 collaborative web-based reference service among libraries designed to meet users' reference needs through electronic means (email, chat, instant messaging, etc.).

Voice Relay

See TRS.

WAN

Wide Area Network. A WAN is multiple LANs linked together by physical or virtual connections.

Website

A website is an entire collection of web pages and other information (such as images, sound, and video files, etc.) gathered and made available through what appears to users as a single web server. Each website is usually hosted on the same server (computer) and is maintained by the same individual, group, or organization.

Wi-Fi

Wireless networking technology.

Wiki

A wiki is a web page or collection of web pages designed to enable anyone who accesses the wiki to contribute or modify content.

Wikipedia

Wikipedia is a free, multilingual web-based encyclopedia project operated by the nonprofit Wikimedia Foundation. Its name is a combination the words wiki (a technology for creating collaborative websites) and encyclopedia. Volunteers around the world have collaboratively written Wikipedia's 30+ million articles, and almost all of its articles can be edited by anyone who can access the Wikipedia website. www.wikipedia.org

Wire Management

A system of raceways, cable trays, and/or ducts to consolidate and organize cables within and between equipment racks or office furniture.



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