

# State of Illinois



# Senate Resolution

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Senate Resolution No. 104

Offered by Senator Laura M. Murphy

*WHEREAS, Public libraries serve as essential community institutions that provide access to information, education, and cultural resources to all residents; and*

*WHEREAS, The governance and oversight of public libraries is entrusted to library trustees who play a critical role in ensuring that libraries operate efficiently, equitably, and in the best interests of the public; and*

*WHEREAS, Library trustees must navigate complex legal, financial, and policy matters, including issues of intellectual freedom, budgeting, and community engagement; and*

*WHEREAS, The Office of the Illinois Secretary of State provides training and educational resources for library trustees to enhance their knowledge of their responsibilities and the best practices in library governance; and*


*WHEREAS, Continuing education and training for library trustees is vital to maintaining strong and well-functioning libraries that serve the diverse needs of Illinois residents; therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge all public library trustees to participate in ongoing training programs provided by the Illinois Secretary of State to strengthen their ability to effectively oversee library operations and services; and be it further*

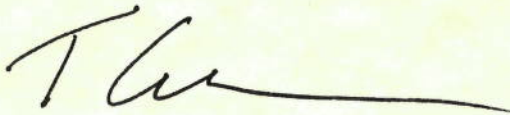
*RESOLVED, That we encourage the Illinois Secretary of State to expand and enhance library trustee training opportunities, ensuring that all library board members have access to comprehensive education on governance, ethics, and policy matters; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias, the Illinois State Library, and all public library boards in the State of Illinois.*

*Adopted by the Senate, October 15, 2025.*



*President of the Senate*



*Secretary of the Senate*

