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## Press Release

**Richard Shurman, director of Cooperative Computer Services (CCS), is the 2015 recipient of the Illinois Library Association Hugh Atkinson Memorial/DEMCO Award. The award recognizes an individual, group, program, or institution for sustained activity and contributions having a lasting impact on librarianship.**

Richard has been director of CCS, now numbering 24 member libraries, since 1987, and prior to that was with the DuPage Library System for 13 years as Special Services Librarian and Library Automation Coordinator. He has also served on numerous statewide committees, system user groups, and other organizations, including ILCISO (the forerunner to CARLI) and the regional library systems.

Besides his intelligence, insight, and enormous range of professional skills, Richard is known for his ability to bring together people with disparate interests and points of view, to bring humor and calm to stressful situations, and to keep groups focused on their larger purposes. His work has resulted in innovative and cost-effective delivery of services at CCS, across RAILS, and beyond.

Richard's contributions to interlibrary cooperation throughout his long and distinguished career make it especially appropriate to honor him in the name of Hugh Atkinson, whose own career was so notably dedicated to library automation and cooperative endeavors.

The Atkinson Award will be presented at the Awards Gala held on Friday evening, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, during the 2015 Illinois Library Conference in Peoria.

For further information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

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