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Press Release

Anne Slaughter, Director of Technology Services at the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) is the 2015 recipient of the Illinois Library Association Crosman Memorial Award. The award recognizes the achievements of library workers who are new or relatively new to the field and encourages continued involvement in the profession. The award is sponsored by the Mortenson Construction.

Since beginning her career nine years ago, Anne has been bringing technological advancements to the libraries for which she has worked. At Franklin Park Library, she redesigned their website to incorporate a user-friendly design and Web 2.0 tools. She did the same for Oak Park Public Library (OPPL) a few years later. Anne established the presence of new technologies at OPPL like Twitter and virtual reference services, while maintaining digital collections already in place. Her job has evolved as library technology has evolved, creating a new department at OPPL and demonstrating such need, that the Virtual/Digital Services department grew under her direction.

Anne has also taken what she has practiced in her jobs and made it available to the professional knowledge about eBooks by publishing two articles on the topic in the Illinois Library Association Reporter.

Most recently, at RAILS, Anne has been able to promote the use of technology, and reach even farther in the Illinois library community, to 1300+ member libraries, across 27,000 square miles.

As stated in her nomination: "She has demonstrated unparalleled skill in project management, innovation, and bridging the gap between technology support and customer service. Even as others are just getting started, she is setting the bar for what can be accomplished by a librarian at any stage of their career."

The Crosman Memorial Award will be presented at the Awards Gala held on Friday evening, October 23rd, during the 2015 Illinois Library Conference in Peoria.

For further information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

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