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Press Release

Lindsay Holbrook of the Chicago Public Library's Chicago Lawn Branch is the 2015 recipient of the Illinois Library Association's Reference Services Forum Award. The award recognizes an Illinois librarian who exemplifies excellence in providing assistance to library users as they seek and use information. The award is sponsored by Ancel, Glink.

Lindsay has been described as passionate, creative and fun! Having developed programming that meets the changing needs of the Greater Englewood neighborhood in Chicago, Lindsay has adeptly developed partnerships that allowed the Chicago Public Library to address the literacy and basic needs of an underserved neighborhood.

Mrs. Holbrook has worked alongside Literacy Chicago to develop a family literacy program that sought to holistically meet the needs of entire family units that went beyond basic reading skills and sought to fundamentally change families from within. Lindsay was also instrumental in collaborating with the Greater Chicagoland Food Depository to ensure children continued to have nutritious lunches during the summer, in addition to the normally scheduled Summer Reading program activities that keep children learning throughout the summer. This program was later expanded to other Chicago libraries.

When the Chicago Public Library introduced its MakerLab, Lindsay was one of the first librarians chosen to shepherd patrons through this exciting exploration of digital design software, 3D printers, laser cutters, milling machines and vinyl cutters.

Lindsay takes the traditional work of libraries very seriously, yet understands how necessary it is for her to meet patrons when they are on their journey in libraries.

The Reference Service 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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