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Press Release

Brooke Sievers is the recipient of the 2015 TBS, Inc. Technical Services Award. This annual award, sponsored by Today's Business Solutions, Inc., is awarded to an individual who has made a substantial contribution in the area of library technical services.

As Head of Materials Management at Addison Public Library since January 2011, Brooke has made an indelible mark on the library. She came to the library at a time when staff was struggling to develop guidelines for collection development. Brooke designed data-based reports to provide selectors with the information they needed to track their budgets and build an analytics-based collection that serves the needs of both the library and the community. She also supported the staff in a complete reclassification of the picture book collection. When Brooke served as Chair of the library's new website committee, she led the group in formulating a vision for the content and layout of the new website. In addition to being one of the go-to-people when questions arise about the automation system related to circulation, acquisitions, and cataloging, Brooke also covers the public services desks whenever needed.

Brooke brings passion and professionalism to library technical services. She shares her time and talents with staff at other libraries whenever they ask for her expertise. She is also active in RAILS, LACONI, and ILA. Brooke was instrumental in restarting the RAILS Technical Services Networking Group, an active group that meets quarterly with over 30 participants at each meeting. After serving as the group's leader for several years, Brooke recruited members to draft and adopt bylaws and elect a new leader. Brooke has served as manager of ILA's Resources and Technical Services Forum, and was a member of the 2014 ILA Conference Planning Committee. She has been a presenter at ILA, Reaching Forward, Innovative Users Group, and PLA Conferences. In short, Brooke has devoted much time and energy to promoting and improving library technical services in Illinois.

The TBS, Inc. Technical Services 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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