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## **Press Release**

**Kristine Hammerstrand, Director of User Services at the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), is the recipient of the 2019 TBS, Inc. Technical Services Award. This annual award, presented by ILA's Resources and Technical Services Forum and 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, principally with commitment to leadership, programming, and professional development in the technical services field.**

Kristine has served in her role at CARLI since the consortium's formation in 2005. Her career began in 1983 with one of CARLI's predecessor organizations, making her tenure with CARLI span 35 years. During her tenure, Kristine has attracted more than 70 libraries to CARLI's "I-Share" library management system, dramatically increasing the number of members to 91 at present.

Kristine's responsibilities include the online catalog, library management systems, discovery layers, and all the associated data that must work together seamlessly to ensure effective discovery and delivery of library material to patrons, students, faculty, and staff. Kristine is a leader who regularly shares her knowledge by serving on library system and Illinois State Library committees that expand resource sharing initiatives to statewide constituencies. Currently, she is working to implement the Alma system for 90+ libraries across the state—an effort that not only demonstrates her leadership ability, but also her commitment to resource sharing and technical cooperation.

The TBS, Inc. Technical Services Award will be presented at the Awards Luncheon to be held on Tuesday, October 22, during the 2019 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference in Tinley Park.

For further information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

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