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## Press Release

**The Illinois Library Association (ILA) announces both Karina M. Camarillo and Terra Jacobson, as the 2021 Valerie J. Wilford Scholarship Grant for Library Education winners. The Valerie J. Wilford Scholarship is in honor of Valerie Wilford (1939-2016), teacher and mentor to hundreds of librarians who made significant impacts in school librarianship, multitype libraries, and resource sharing. The award is supported by the Valerie J. Wilford Memorial Fund and is granted to those in pursuit of education in librarianship, including classes, webinars, seminars, or conferences.**

Karina M. Camarillo is a current member of AISLE (Association of Illinois School Library Educators). She is pursuing her MLIS from Dominican University while managing working at Moline School District 40 as a Certified Hourly Instructor. Throw in there as well, her energetic son and you have someone who is skilled at life organization. Karina is bilingual and has a vested perspective on how to implement dual language programs to increase reading comprehension and literacy skills for students who are bilingual as well. Building partnerships in the community will enhance her vision. One of her personal beliefs is that knowledge is power and with the right encouragement, any student can do and be anything they can dream.

Terra Jacobson is a current member of ILA. She is the Dean of the Learning Resource Center at the Moraine Valley Community College. Terra recently finished the Information Policy course at Dominican University. During the course, she was able to identify how policies affect the digital divide which in turn affects the socioeconomic and democratic divides for Illinois citizens. She sees that bigger picture of policy impact. From unfunded mandates to serving the unserved patrons at a higher

education level, policies need to be evaluated to provide equal access to information for all.

The recipients of the 2021 Valerie J. Wilford Scholarship Grant for Library Education will be recognized at an awards ceremony during the 2021 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference. The conference will take place October 12-14, 2021.

For further information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

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