



ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Because Libraries Matter

Illinois Library Association
33 W. Grand Ave., Suite 401
Chicago, IL 60654-6799

Phone: 312.644.1896
Fax: 312.644.1899
Email: ila@ila.org

Press Release

The Illinois Library Association (ILA) announces Jocelyn “JJ” Armstrong, Circulation Supervisor at the Riverdale Public Library District in Riverdale, Illinois, as the 2022 Crosman Memorial Award Winner. The Crosman Award is named in memory of Alex Crosman, director of the Peoria Public Library at the time of his death in 1986. The award recognizes the achievements of library workers who are new or relatively new to the field and encourages continued involvement in the profession. Other awards honor those who have accomplished a great deal over a long period of time; this award honors someone who has accomplished a great deal in a short time.

Armstrong was hired by the Riverdale Public Library District to create a logo and was soon after hired as the Circulation Supervisor in December 2021. Her passion and creativity were immediately on display with tireless efforts to refresh and revitalize the Library. Along with creating a new logo, her efforts include creating promotional items, producing marketing literature, creating an online and social media presence, bringing programming back to the library, painting the library, updating circulation procedures and processes, and creating a refreshing and welcoming environment for staff and patrons.

Armstrong’s dedication to the library and engagement in the community have inspired many patrons to return to the library. Her energy and commitment to provide patrons with the best possible service has inspired her colleagues, including one who shared that Armstrong “...is motivating the staff to become involved and utilize their creativity.”

The Crosman Memorial Award will be presented at an awards ceremony during the 2022 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference. The conference will take place in Rosemont, IL on October 18-20, 2022. For further information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

For further information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

For Immediate Release