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Press Release

Becky Vallejo, Adult Services Assistant Manager, Homer Township Public Library, is the recipient of the Illinois Library Association's (ILA) 2022 Robert P. Doyle Conference Grant for Support Staff, which is presented by the ILA Reaching Forward Forum.

Becky has worked at the Homer Township Public Library's Adult Services department for eight years. During that time, she has actively pursued programming and other ways to make the library more accessible and inclusive.

Becky's work is wide-ranging and dynamic in her Adult Services department, which consists of just four staff members. As noted by her manager, Heather Colby, Becky "leads several monthly programs, creates marketing materials, heads [the library's] social media team, performs all interlibrary loan duties, sits on various planning committees, and much more." As a result of her job performance, Becky was recently promoted in April 2022 from Adult Services Assistant to Homer Township Public Library's first-ever Adult Services Assistant Manager.

In addition, Becky is passionate about services for adults and seniors and was instrumental in coordinating and promoting Memory Kits, which are designed for people with dementia, memory loss, or cognitive impairment. She is also currently in her third year of serving as the Chapter Lead for the "Getting Started" section of the ILA iREAD Resource Guide. As Becky's manager notes, her "determination to help make the iREAD Resource Guide a fundamental part of libraries' summer reading programs reflects her desire to ensure that all libraries are essential to their communities."

Becky Vallejo will receive a one-year ILA membership and full registration and expenses to attend the 2022 ILA Annual Conference, up to \$800, and a framed certificate. The award will be presented at the Reaching Forward Conference on Friday, May 6, 2022.