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Press Release

Lisa Bobis, Collections Services Manager at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library (AHML), is the recipient of the 2022 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.

Bobis has served in her role at Arlington Heights Memorial Library since February 2018. Bobis has created a range of innovative technical services projects at AHML that have resulted in more efficient workflows while increasing collection awareness, circulation, and staff and patron satisfactions. She has implemented the Circ It Like It's Hot Workgroup, a diversity audit of the collection, and the creation of a virtual "Collection Services Open House" video tour of her team's workspace and workflow. Other inventive projects she has created or collaborated on include the Explore the Collection page on the library's website where users can virtually explore the collection; the new "Spotlight on" feature created for the library's newsletter; a "While you wait" feature for the library's catalog; and new collections including the Accessibility Support Collection, Binge Boxes, and a Marketplace collection.

As the work done by technical services staff is frequently behind the scenes, Bobis believes in the importance of sharing information about the department's work with the rest of library staff. She sends out a monthly department newsletter highlighting collection changes, cataloging search tips, or information on catalog changes. Bobis was also instrumental in the creation of an online department information page, accessible

to the rest of the library, that provides information about the department, statistics, FAQ's, and who to contact for various questions.

Bobis has been an active member of the Wisconsin/Illinois Innovative Users Group (WILIUG) Steering Committee. She serves as the facilitator for the RAILS Technical Services networking group. Bobis is a leader of the Sierra Standalone Libraries Networking group. She has been a presenter at ILA, the WILIUG conference, ALA webinars and the Collections Services Social Committee.

The TBS, Inc. Technical Services Award will be presented at an awards ceremony during the 2022 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference. The conference will take place October 18-20, 2022, in Rosemont, IL.

For further information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

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