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Press Release

The Illinois Library Association (ILA) is pleased to announce that Carleigh Obrochta is the recipient of the 2022 Valerie J. Wilford Scholarship Grant for Library Education. 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, multi-type 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.

Carleigh Obrochta is currently pursuing her MLIS from Dominican University. She will use the grant money for a recent course titled *Serving Children with Disabilities in Libraries and Communities*. She has already been able to use information learned from the course in her role at the Niles-Maine Library. She contributed to a “list of assistive technologies that the library can provide for both circulation and in house to provide a better experience for those with disabilities in our library.” Obrochta hopes to show that libraries can work together to offer more inclusive technologies to their communities.

The Valerie J. Wilford Scholarship recipient will be recognized at a ceremony that will be held in conjunction with the Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, which will take place in October.

For further information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

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