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Press Release

Aisha Din, Page Supervisor and Team Leader in the Material Handling Department of the Gail Borden Public Library District, is the recipient of the Illinois Library Association's (ILA) 2022 Oberman and Rich Reaching Forward Conference Grant, which is presented by the ILA Reaching Forward Forum.

Aisha serves her library and community in a variety of roles. As Page Supervisor, she trains teenagers on the basics of a first job and helps them develop skills that may be useful for any career pathway or future endeavor. She also oversees the vocational workers and volunteers. As Aisha's manager, Margaret Grundmeier, notes, Aisha makes them feel "valued and maximizes their personal strengths. She handles all situations with tact in a calm, objective manner." Patrons and staff can thank Aisha's hard work and leadership for the considerable effort in keeping the shelves at Gail Borden Public Library "ordered, edged, and dusted."

Aisha also serves as a committee member for the Southeast Asian Festival. She works tirelessly to recruit people to dance, tell stories, and apply henna to make the event successful. In addition, Aisha serves as the liaison on the Marketplace Committee and brings attention to issues such as shelf space, weeding, and the condition of collections.

Aisha's manager also praises Aisha as the "first one to step up when something needs to be done." Even during the challenges of the pandemic, Aisha has "been the motivation in the Materials Handling Department to get the tasks completed, train new staff, and most of all keep morale up."

Aisha Din will receive free registration to the 2022 Reaching Forward Conference, an overnight stay at the Reaching Forward conference hotel, \$50 for expenses, and a framed certificate. The award will be presented at the Reaching Forward Conference on Friday, May 6, 2022.