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Press Release

The Illinois Library Association (ILA) is pleased to announce that Annette Bahringer as one of the recipients of the 2023 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.

Annette Bahringer is currently pursuing her PhD from Dominican University. Bahringer will be using the scholarship to attend the 2023 Illinois Library Association Conference. A strong advocate for the freedom to read, Bahringer is looking to attend the conference to gain more knowledge on policies libraries have in place and what type of assistance libraries are looking for in this area. Using the information gathered, the goal is “to create a program to present at next year’s ALA about combating censorship and fighting for the right to read in our libraries, communities, and homes.”

Bahringer will be recognized at an awards ceremony, during the 2023 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference. The conference will take place October 24-26 in Springfield, Illinois.

For more information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

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