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**Carol Ng-He Selected as 2025 Recipient of the Illinois Library Association
Valerie J. Wilford Scholarship Grant for Library Education**

The Illinois Library Association (ILA) is pleased to announce that Carol Ng-He is the recipient of the 2025 Valerie J. Wilford Scholarship Grant for Library Education. The Valerie J. Wilford Scholarship is in honor of Valerie Wilford (1939- 2016), a 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.

Carol Ng-He is the Associate Director of Boxer Library at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in North Chicago, Illinois. Ng-He will use the grant money to attend the Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians, offered by Harvard University's Graduate School of Education. This week-long program is designed for college and university librarians with management or leadership responsibilities, librarians who lead major programs, and non-librarian campus leaders whose work impacts library-related functions. The program aims to enhance participants' leadership effectiveness and management capacity.

This program will enhance Ng-He's ability to foster multi-type library cooperation by strengthening leadership, mentorship, and collaboration skills. Through this opportunity, she plans to support professional growth for her team, publish scholarly work, and lead outreach initiatives with other libraries. Attending this institute will help Ng-He build lasting partnerships across academic, public, and special libraries in Illinois and beyond.

Ng-He will be recognized at an awards ceremony during the 2025 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference. The conference will take place October 14-16 in Rosemont, Illinois.

For further information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

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About the Illinois Library Association

The Illinois Library Association (ILA) is a professional membership organization that represents Illinois libraries and the millions who depend on them. Founded in 1896, it is the third-largest state library association and serves as a chapter within the American Library Association. ILA is comprised of 2,000 personal and more than 500 institutional members, made up of public, academic, school, and special libraries, as well as librarians, library staff, trustees, students, and library vendors.