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Press Release

Adrian Clark, Assistant Department Head of Circulation Services for the Calumet City Public Library, is the recipient of the Illinois Library Association's (ILA) 2021 Oberman and Rich Reaching Forward Conference Grant, which is presented by the ILA Reaching Forward Forum.

Adrian Clark has worked at the Calumet City Public Library since 2019. For the past six months, Adrian has been acting as Interim Department Head for Circulation Services. Not only has she stepped up into a role after being drafted, she has served as a lighthouse for her team. She's led the Circulation Services department through an Interim Director, during a Director search, a Department Head resignation and working with a new Director.

"When I started with CCPL in December of 2020, it was clear to me who Adrian was," said Jennifer Hovanec. "She leads from a place of service over a place of task management. She approaches every situation asking, 'What is going to be best for the team?' Adrian is exceedingly empathetic, and knows just how to make a suggestion sound like it's the best idea on Earth! I've worked fairly closely with Adrian over the past few months, and I can say with great confidence that she's influenced her team and the greater library for the better."

Adrian Clark will receive free registration to the 2021 Reaching Forward Conference and a framed certificate. The award will be presented at the virtual Reaching Forward Conference on Friday, May 7, 2021.