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Press Release

Darnetta Bolton, Youth Services Reference Librarian at the Orland Park Public Library, is the recipient of the Illinois Library Association's (ILA) 2020 Robert P. Doyle Conference Grant for Support Staff, which is presented by the ILA Reaching Forward Forum.

Darnetta has made a strong impact as an early career librarian. She currently serves as co-chair of the 2020 ILA Annual Conference Program Committee, the first part-time library worker to serve in this role. Darnetta is a strong leader, negotiating the challenges of conference planning during the COVID-19 pandemic. She is also an advocate for removing barriers in libraries.

“Darnetta's creativity and innovation shines through in every program she does and her knowledge of the homeschooling community has reinvigorated our programs for those families. We are very lucky to have her on our Youth Services team at the Orland Park Public Library,” said Brandi Smits, Youth Services Manager.

Darnetta will receive a one-year ILA membership and full registration and expenses to attend the 2021 ILA Annual Conference, and a framed certificate. The 2020 ILA Annual Conference will not be held in-person due to COVID-19.