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## Press Release

**David Barry, Trustee at Bartlett Public Library District, is the 2017 ILA Trustee of the Year Award Recipient. This annual citation is awarded to a public library trustee for achievement, leadership, and service to libraries.**

David Barry has served as a Trustee on the Bartlett Public Library District Board for four years. While a relatively newcomer to the Library world, Barry has not let that slow him down. He currently holds the position of President of the Board, having served in this capacity for the past two years. He has also served as a Board Member of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) and was elected President of the Board in 2016.

David Barry is a dedicated supporter of libraries and library systems. Barry has participated as an advocate on National Library Legislative Day in Washington DC and traveled to Springfield to meet with State Library staff and officials from the three library systems in Illinois to discuss how to assist un-served residents throughout the state.

As an Attorney, David Barry's thoughtful outlook has influenced Bartlett Public Library to become one of the most welcoming locations in the community. He is also active in local community groups such as the Lions Club and the Annual 4th of July Fest Committee.

David Barry has been an outstanding board member, a role model for all board members, supportive of staff, and eager to learn as much as possible so that he can be effective in his roles for RAILS and the Bartlett Public Library.

The Trustee of the Year Award will be presented at the Awards Luncheon held on Tuesday, October 10, during the 2017 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference in Tinley Park.

For further information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

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