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## Press Release

**Georgia Pichinos-Anderson of Highland Park Public Library is recipient of the 2016 Oberman-Rich Award, which was presented at the Reaching Forward Conference on May 6, 2016 in Rosemont.**

Georgia is one of those extraordinary people who happen into libraries. She has a spirit of can-do that radiates welcome. As the person responsible for following up on delinquent accounts, she is masterful. She has a talent for bringing these customers back to the library, hopeful and excited to once again be active library users.

When Highland Park activated a community outreach initiative last year, Georgia was one of the first on board. She represented the library at the Farmer's Market, at the Rec Center – wherever there was a call, she was willing to go. She brought her tech savvy with her, learning MobileCirc on the go, registering new library cardholders, and then, as a bonus, showing them the magic of downloadable music, movies, magazines, books, and audiobooks. She is a gifted teacher, and made it seem so easy and so fun.

This past year, Georgia conceived and executed “Highland Park Strikes Back: A Star Wars Mini-Convention” at the library, in conjunction with the release of the new *Star Wars* movie. She collaborated with staff from three other departments to host a jam-packed itinerary of excitement and adventure with presentations by real astronomers and scientists! Including a Star Wars hour of code, Yoda Yoga, a digital media lab photo booth and so much more. She made it fun for staff and customers alike.

Georgia is special. She does not just work at the library; she is a library believer and a true library ambassador.

For further information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

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