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## Press Release

**The Illinois Library Association (ILA) announces Jennifer Hovanec, Supervisor of Digital and Maker Services at Indian Trails Public Library District (ITPLD), as the 2017 Crosman Memorial Award winner. The Crosman Award is named in memory of Alex Crosman, director of the Peoria Public Library at the time of his death in 1986. The award recognizes the achievements of the library workers who are new or relatively new to the field and encourages continued involvement in the profession. Other awards honor those who have accomplished a great deal over a long period of time; this award is to honor someone who has accomplished a great deal in a short time.**

Hovanec has been working at ITPLD since July 2014 when she was hired as the Instruction and Technology Librarian. She quickly demonstrated her leadership skills and was promoted to Assistant Manager of Adult Services. Her success continued when in February 2017 she was once again promoted to Supervisor of Digital and Maker Services. Jenn's passion for serving community members through teaching, exploration and discovery can be seen in every interaction. In addition to her work at the library, Jenn is demonstrating her leadership within the library profession. She has presented at ILA and Reaching Forward, led an ILEAD Team, volunteered for multiple professional committees within ILA and the Library Administrators Conference of Northern Illinois (LACONI) and has started her own Makerspace Networking Group. Hovanec has a master's degree in library science from Dominican University (2011) and a bachelor of arts in English Language and Literature, Secondary Education from Benedictine University.

The Crosman 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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