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Press Release

Jay Kasten, Trustee of the Vernon Area Public Library District, is the recipient of the 2016 Illinois Library Association Trustee of the Year Award. This citation is awarded to a public library trustee for achievement, leadership, and service to libraries. The award is sponsored by Peregrine, Stime, Newman, Ritzman & Bruckner, Ltd.

Jay Kasten has served on the library district's board of trustees for more than twenty-one years and is the third-longest serving trustee in the library district's history. He currently serves as library board president, previously serving a two-year term as Vice President of the Board, 2 two-year terms as Secretary of the Board, and 2 two-year terms as Treasurer of the Board. Kasten is also an active member of the Illinois Library Association, currently serving as Manager of the Illinois Library Trustee Forum.

In addition to the leadership he's shown, Kasten exhibits a commitment to the library district as a member of the Friends of the Library, and as a frequent library user who attends many library programs, often in the company of his spouse and grandchildren.

The Trustee of the Year Award will be presented at the Awards Luncheon held on Tuesday, October 18, during the 2016 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference in Rosemont.

For further information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

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