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Press Release

Matt Teske is the recipient of the 2016 TBS, Inc., Technical Services Award. This annual award, sponsored by Today's Business Solutions, Inc., is awarded to an individual who has made a substantial contribution in the area of library technical services.

Teske currently serves as Materials Services Manager at the Indian Trails Public Library District in Wheeling, Ill., overseeing Technical Services, Interlibrary Loan, and Collections Management.

Teske's breadth of experience in public libraries provides him a holistic approach to his role. He began his career at Elmhurst Public library as a circulation clerk and an acquisitions clerk, and then served as a copy cataloger during his MLIS graduate program at Dominican University. He worked as a reference librarian at Aurora Public Library and was in charge of the audiovisual cataloging workgroup while at Schaumburg Township District Library. Prior to joining Indian Trails Public Library in August 2014, he served as Manager of Technical Services at the Glenside Public Library and as the assistant director and then director of the Geneva Public Library District.

Among his staff, Teske has a reputation of being open-minded and fair, observant, logical, and efficient: important qualities for a leader in this field. Harnessing the strengths and creativity of his processing and cataloging staff, Teske and his team at Indian Trails developed a system and strategy to eliminate a backlog of audiovisual and foreign language materials and make them available for public use.

Less than a year into his tenure at Indian Trails, Teske was tasked to play a large role in the planning, coordination and execution of the library's move to a temporary facility during its current renovation project. His expertise in data analysis informed the decision-making necessary to select a 40 percent subset of the library's overall collection to move to the temporary facility. His leadership, preparation and expertise allowed them to move and place nearly 100,000 items in time to open for public use in just two weeks — three days ahead of schedule.

The TBS, Inc. Technical Services Award will be presented at the Awards Luncheon held on Tuesday, October 18th, during the 2016 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference in Rosemont.