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## Press Release

**The Illinois Library Association's Youth Services Forum is presenting this year's Golden Ticket Award to Rosie Camargo, Youth Services Outreach Assistant, at the Forest Park Public Library. This award is presented annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution in library services to young people in her or his local community. This year's award is again being sponsored by Rob Zimmers from Quality Books, Inc. (QBI).**

Rosie serves as the Youth Services Outreach Assistant and Storytime Coordinator at the Forest Park Public Library where she provides a variety of outreach services, such as training interns and coordinating the outreach branch of the summer reading program, along with contributing greatly to the library's programming for children.

Her recent contributions include providing diverse programming such as a monthly *Passport to Fun* multicultural series, a weekly bilingual storytime for Hispanic families, a Hispanic heritage art study and regular Friday play groups and storytimes. Rosie has made important connections with families through programming and valuable partnerships. Her efforts have created accessibility for families where English is spoken as a second language or not at all. Rosie greatly expanded the library's Spanish language programming and in turn gained a loyal following and new regular customers, both from the immediate vicinity as well as neighboring communities.

As stated in her letter of nomination: "One of the things I admire the most in Rosie, and why I feel so strongly that she is deserving of this award, is that even though she continues to impress us with her contributions, she is always striving to do better and expand her professional knowledge."

The Golden Ticket Award will be presented at the Awards Luncheon held on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, during the 2016 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference in Rosemont.

Rosie will also be recognized during the Youth Services Author Breakfast held on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

For further information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

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