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**Lacey Mesarchik Selected as 2025 Recipient of the Illinois Library Association
Small and Rural Libraries Forum Annual Conference Grant**

The Illinois Library Association (ILA) announces Lacey Mesarchik, Director of the Lebanon Public Library in Lebanon, Illinois as one of two recipients for the 2025 Illinois Library Association Small and Rural Libraries Forum (SARL) Annual Conference Grant. Sponsored by Fast Forward Libraries, the grant has been established to offset the registration cost for small and rural library workers who would not otherwise be able to attend the ILA Annual Conference.

Lacey Mesarchik has been the director for the Lebanon Public Library for five years. Prior to her current role, she worked as a circulation staff member, and before that she was on the board of trustees. Having moved with the military for a number of years, her family has called the rural town of Lebanon home for 15 years.

"I am always seeking opportunities that will offer more for our patrons in our small community. We know most of our patrons by name, and many feel like family to the staff members of our library. I am very invested in any opportunity that benefits my community and my patrons."

Mesarchik will be recognized at an awards ceremony at the 2025 ILA Conference on October 14, 2025, in Rosemont, Illinois.

About the Illinois Library Association

The Illinois Library Association (ILA) is a professional membership organization that represents Illinois libraries and the millions who depend on them. Founded in 1896, it is the third-largest state library association and serves as a chapter within the American Library Association. ILA is comprised of 2,000 personal and more than 500 institutional members, made up of public, academic, school, and special libraries, as well as librarians, library staff, trustees, students, and library vendors.