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Lisa Casterline Selected as 2024 Recipient of the Illinois Library Association Small and Rural Libraries Forum Annual Conference Grant

The Illinois Library Association (ILA) announces Lisa Casterline, Director at the Nokomis Public Library in Nokomis, Illinois as one of two recipients for the 2024 Illinois Library Association Small and Rural Libraries Forum (SARL) Annual Conference Grant. Sponsored by Fast Forward Libraries and in its inaugural year, 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.

Lisa Casterline was hired as Director of the Nokomis Public Library (NPL) on June 1, 2023. The library, which serves less than 2,800 people in the community, moved buildings last June and this was done with only three staff, one Trustee, and community volunteers. Casterline praised her community, stating that NPL “relied and continues to rely on our community to make our library happen.” Casterline will be a first-time ILA Annual Conference attendee and is looking forward to networking and learning more about ILA.

Casterline will be recognized at an awards ceremony during the 2024 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference. The conference will take place October 8-10 in Peoria, Illinois.

For more information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

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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