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Press Release

The Illinois Library Association's Youth Services Forum is presenting this year's Davis Cup Award to Sharon Hrycewicz, Reference and Technology Coordinator, at the Downers Grove Public Library. This annual award, honoring Marion Davis, recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution in library services to youth. This award is proudly sponsored by the ABDO Publishing Company.

Sharon has served as the Reference and Technology Coordinator at the Downers Grove Public Library for 18 years where she was an early adopter of computer and on-line technologies, developed STEM programming and activities for young users, and cultivated great partnerships with the local grade school district.

Sharon's recent contributions include participation on the ILEAD USA team where she worked on the Robot Test Kitchen project. Her team tested simple robotics kits to learn how to help children's librarians bring robotics and technology into children's programming. Robot Test Kitchen has helped children's librarians around the state, and now nationally. Sharon has also made great advancements in the library with ebook and social media platforms and contributed greatly to training the local school district staff on current technology.

As stated in her letter of nomination: "One of the main reasons I am nominating Sharon for the Davis Cup is to recognize her work in bringing technology into our library and in sharing her enthusiasm for learning about and experimenting with new technologies. Her enthusiasm is infectious!"

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

Sharon will also be recognized during the Youth Services Author Breakfast held on Wednesday, October 19th.

For further information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

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