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## Press Release

**The Illinois Library Association's Youth Services Forum is presenting this year's Golden Ticket Award to Sue McCowin, Children's Librarian, at Cook Memorial Public Library District. 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).**

Sue serves as a Children's Librarian for the Cook Memorial Public Library District where she provides outstanding services to the community. Sue is the face of the Children's Department at the Aspen Drive Library where she has worked since its opening in 2011. Her enthusiasm and dedication to the library is unparalleled and the kindness she shows to patrons daily has no limit.

Some of her contributions include starting a book club that has maintained a dedicated audience for over 7 years! Sue created a Saturday Play and Learn Center from the ground up where families could drop in and enjoy fun, interactive stations. She provides services for a wide range of ages, such as science programs, World Explorers, Reader's Theater, and cultivates successful opportunities for teen volunteers. Sue also brings her talents to the local schools where she talks about research, books, databases, and summer reading.

Sue is an inspiration to her coworkers and patrons as she continues to demonstrate her love of libraries and dedication to her community. As stated in her letter of nomination, she exemplifies the quote by Louise de Marillac, "Encourage one another, and may your mutual good example speak louder than any words can."

The Golden Ticket Award will be presented at the Awards Luncheon held on Tuesday, October 10, during the 2017 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference in Tinley Park.

Sue will also be recognized during the Youth Services Forum's Author Breakfast held at the Conference.

For further information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

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