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## Press Release

**The Illinois Library Association (ILA) announces Trixie Dantis, Teen Services Supervisor at Arlington Heights Memorial Library (AHML), as the 2016 Crosman Memorial Award winner. The Crosman Award is named in memory of Alex Crosman, director of the Peoria Public Library at the time of his death in 1986. The award recognizes the achievements of the library workers who are new or relatively new to the field and encourages continued involvement in the profession. Other awards honor those who have accomplished a great deal over a long period of time; this award is to honor someone who has accomplished a great deal in a short time.**

Dantis has been working at AHML since January 2012 when she was hired as a part-time Programs Assistant, one of the first staff hired in the formal start-up of the Programs department at AHML. During that year, she earned her master's degree in library science. In February 2013, Dantis moved to the teen department and was a key contributor to the development of the next generation of programming and services for Arlington Heights teens. In February 2016, Dantis was promoted to lead this service area as Teen Services Supervisor, overseeing a team of five. In addition to her paid work at the library, she volunteers as a tutor for English language learners. Dantis has a master's degree in library science from Dominican University (2012) and a bachelor of arts in English from the University of Illinois at Chicago (2004).

The Crosman 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.

For further information, contact the Illinois Library Association.

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