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Press Release

William Pleas, Page and Volunteer Coordinator at the Highland Park Public Library, is the recipient of the Illinois Library Association’s (ILA) 2020 Oberman and Rich Reaching Forward Conference Grant, which is presented by the ILA Reaching Forward Forum.

As the Page and Volunteer Coordinator at the Highland Park Library, William supervises a wide variety of personalities. He is respectful of all of those who report to him. As a colleague, William goes above and beyond his specified duties. He is knowledgeable, thoughtful, helpful and a welcoming presence to co-workers and patrons. He has reached out to patrons with differing abilities to offer volunteer opportunities to become valued contributors to the library.

“William takes the mission of the Highland Park Library and libraries in general seriously. In recognition of his dedication, patience, acceptance, thoughtfulness, collegiality and all-around helpfulness, he deserves to attend Reaching Forward and be recognized with the Oberman and Rich grant,” said Laurie Skinner, Information and Readers Services Manager.

William will receive free registration to the 2021 Reaching Forward Conference, an overnight stay at the Reaching Forward conference hotel, \$50 for expenses, and a framed certificate. The 2020 Reaching Forward Conference, scheduled for May 1, was not held due to COVID-19.