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**Jasmine Schreiber Selected as 2024 Recipient of the Illinois Library Association
Valerie J. Wilford Scholarship Grant for Library Education**

The Illinois Library Association (ILA) is pleased to announce that Jasmine Schreiber is the recipient of the 2024 Valerie J. Wilford Scholarship Grant for Library Education. The Valerie J. Wilford Scholarship is in honor of Valerie Wilford (1939- 2016), a teacher and mentor to hundreds of librarians who made significant impacts in school librarianship, multi-type libraries, and resource sharing. The award is supported by the Valerie J. Wilford Memorial Fund and is granted to those in pursuit of education in librarianship, including classes, webinars, seminars, or conferences.

Jasmine Schreiber is currently enrolled in the online MSLIS program at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and is working full-time as a library technician for the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. She is also the co-chair of the website committee for the library. This has involved developing, launching, and maintaining a new library website. Schreiber has been inspired to expand her skillset in this area.

Schreiber will use the grant money to take *Foundations of Information Processing* which covers common data, document processing, and programming constructs and concepts. It focuses on problem-solving and abstraction with a programming language. By the

end of the course, she will be able to design, develop, and test a moderately complex computer program to manage full text, bibliographic records, or multimedia.

Schreiber hopes to return the support she has received from fellow circuit libraries, as well as make improvements on a larger scale for the libraries that they work with.

Schreiber 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.