



Julie Elmore Wins Award at Indiana Library Federation Annual Conference

INDIANAPOLIS, IN - The Indiana Library Federation (ILF) announced its annual awards at the 2022 Annual Conference, hosted at the Indianapolis Marriott East hotel in Indianapolis, IN from November 14-16, 2022. Julie Elmore was recognized for their contributions to the Federation with the Outstanding Librarian Award. The Outstanding Librarian Award recognizes and honors excellence and innovative leadership in the development of library services and for remarkable service to the profession. This award is given for both ongoing leadership to an individual librarian and for development of the profession. Elmore has been at the helm of the Oakland City-Columbia Township Public Library for the last 13 years and despite shrinking budgets, an aging building, and inconsistent staffing, she has managed to create a dynamic space and innovative programs.



“Innovator. Outside the Box Thinker. Hustler. That’s Julie Elmore, who gets more done in a day than most do in a week with nothing but a spirit of ‘grit, spit, and a lot of duct tape,” said nominator, Marissa Priddis, Director at the Alexandrian Public Library.

Elmore’s creative spirit was particularly evident during the pandemic. The President of the Oakland City Columbia Township Library said the library was one of the few that stayed open during the Covid-19 shut down. Elmore used old school lockers so that patrons could pick up reading materials. She also made sure that patrons continued to have access to the internet and could file for unemployment benefits.

Each year, the ILF celebrates the work of its members, highlight and honor books of authors that excite its members, and provides financial assistance through ILF scholarships. You can learn more about all 2022 ILF award winners at www.ilfonline.org.

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