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### **Mardy Grzegorek chosen to receive statewide library staff award**

Mardelle (Mardy) Grzegorek has been selected to receive the 2018 Indiana Library Federation (ILF) Outstanding Library Staff Award. The ILF Outstanding Library Staff Award honors and recognizes a non-certified staff person who has contributed to his or her employing library in Indiana.

In March of 2007, Mardy began her position as Circulation Associate at St. Joseph County Public Library, bringing her years of experience in an independent book store. She began volunteering at the Friends of the Library book sales, and in 2014 was given a new role overseeing them. Mardy charged ahead making significant improvements, including a better customer experience and higher revenues to support the library. In the first year, Mardy completely revamped and downsized the entire 3,000 square feet to showcase and organize the materials in logical, browsable ways for patrons. As part of the revamp, Mardy helped recruit and train an all-new team of volunteers committed to serving the public. Mardy enthusiastically embraced what was an outdated book sale operation and turned it into thriving Friends of the Library program that provides affordable resources for the community and whose proceeds support the Library.

Mardy wholeheartedly embraces public service in everything she does and while she loves managing the Friends programs, she also loves working on the frontlines at the Main Library. She has grown a loyal hardworking group of volunteers who enjoy the camaraderie of working in the book sales and in serving the public. Mardy continues to find success in her dual roles in the library and is a true Library champion.

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