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JCPL Adult Learning Center Coordinator Receives Statewide Library Award

Franklin, Ind. – Wendy Preilis, Johnson County Public Library (JCPL), has been selected to receive the Indiana Library Federation Tom Zupancic Literacy in Libraries Award for 2016. The Tom Zupancic Literacy in Libraries Award honors and recognizes community advocacy of literacy in libraries by an individual or organization in cooperation with a library. This award is created to acknowledge outstanding efforts by an individual or an organization in advocating the importance of libraries and literacy programs in a community.

Wendy serves as the Adult Learning Center (ALC) Coordinator for the Johnson County Public Library. After receiving her B.S. in Sociology from Franklin College, Wendy started assisting individuals and families as a caseworker for Johnson County Offices of Family and Children. Before joining the Johnson County Public Library, she completed the teaching licensure program through Saint Mary's of the Woods College and worked for the Clark Pleasant Community School Corporation.

Wendy provides weekly programs for adults wishing to increase their English communication skills, reading skills, and overall understanding of the American culture. Wendy's programs offer free literacy services in adult basic education and English as a Second Language. The Adult Learning Center partners with Johnson Memorial Hospital to provide Baby TALK, providing new families with a literacy packet, books, and encouraging them to use the library.

Wendy is the leader of JCPL's Literacy Awareness Month committee. Each year the committee works to raise awareness of adult illiteracy and ALC programming. She also serves on a variety of local committees representing the Johnson County Public Library, including the Leadership Johnson County Public Relations Committee and the Immediate Services Council (United Way of Johnson County.)

Wendy enjoys working in the community she grew up in and hopes that her efforts help to make Johnson County a great place to live. She lives in Whiteland with her husband and their two children.

The Adult Learning Center is looking for volunteers to tutor adults with low English literacy skills and English as a Second Language learners. No foreign language knowledge or experience is necessary to help improve our students' lives.

For more information about becoming an ALC volunteer, please contact Wendy Preilis by phone at 317-738-4677 or by email wpreilis@jcclin.org.

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