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CARLI Contact: Margaret Chambers,  
217-333-2618, [mchamber@uillinois.edu](mailto:mchamber@uillinois.edu)**CARLI Announces Recipients of Scholarships for 2024–2025 Academic Year**

CARLI is pleased to announce recipients of the CARLI 2024–2025 Academic Year Scholarship that helps support the education of the dedicated staff of CARLI member libraries. The recipients are Amanda Helm, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library; Grace Kraus, Prairie State College; Quinn Sluzenski, Newberry Library; Michelle Thole, Greenville University; and Alexandria Vlahos, Lewis & Clark Community College.

The scholarship is funded by donors who have generously supported this important program, helping CARLI to grow the profession.

“I am thrilled to accept the CARLI UIUC scholarship to the I-School! All the coursework, faculty, and collegiality have been amazing so far and I look forward to completing the program to officially join the ranks of professional librarians at CARLI,” Thole said.

The recipients were selected based on their responses to a personal essay question regarding their professional goals and objectives in pursuing a library career that demonstrates a commitment to the profession and the strength of their references.

Sluzenski added, “I am honored to have been selected for a CARLI scholarship this year. I've already learned so much at the iSchool and am thrilled to continue my program with support from CARLI's donors. I look forward to completing my degree this year and moving into the next stage of my digital library career!”

The CARLI Scholarship provides financial assistance to current employees of CARLI Governing Member Libraries pursuing graduate studies leading to a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. The scholarship is funded by donations. To contribute, visit the CARLI website at <https://www.carli.illinois.edu/give>.

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