



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois (Board Room
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Consent Agenda

Thursday, September 22, 2022, 10:00 AM

Fourth Set

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Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON and KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING ARLINGTON HEIGHTS LIBRARY TRUSTEE DEBBIE SMART ON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart is embarking on well-deserved retirement after a storied tenure as a trustee with the Arlington Heights Public Library; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart is 31-year resident of Arlington Heights, and is a venerable staple in the community; and

WHEREAS, outside of her time as Arlington Heights Library Trustee, Debbie Smart is a devoted volunteer in the community, even winning an award from the Village of Arlington Heights for her extensive efforts; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart began her time as an elected individual in public office in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart blazed a trail as the first openly LGBTQ person elected to public office in Arlington Heights; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart inspired the creation of the Makerplace, a space for hands-on experiential learning; and

WHEREAS, the 8,000-square-foot Makerplace Debbie spearheaded boasts laser cutters, 3D printers, embroidery, quilting and sewing machines available for use by the public at no charge; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart was an instrumental advocate in the creation of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library Foundation, which has played a critical role in gathering equipment donations and support for the facility; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart has long championed the Arlington Heights Library's diversity initiatives, including championing the display of the Pride Flag outside of the Library in celebration of Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart was bestowed the prestigious Librarian of the Year Award in 2019 by the Illinois Library Association; and

WHEREAS, this award served as deserved recognition of Debbie's tireless and extensive work for the Arlington Heights Library; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart was commended for her passion, noting her constant and vocal advocacy for the Arlington Heights Library, and libraries everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart's belief that libraries are a key part of communities they serve, and play a vital role in bringing individuals together was at the core of her ambitions; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smart's tenacity, dedication, and leadership will be sorely missed as she begins her next chapter; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Debbie Smart for her innumerable contributions to the Arlington Heights community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the text of this resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body and that a suitable copy hereof be presented to Debbie Smart as a means of communicating our thanks and well-wishes.