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Curator of Museums at Lisle Station Park Honored with Promising Leadership Award

Photo: [Left: Brian Failing, Curator of Museums at Lisle Station Park and Mike Toohey, Superintendent of Recreation at Lisle Park District. Right: Brian Failing next to exhibit *Banned in Chicago* at the Museums at Lisle Station Park](#)

Lisle, IL – At the annual Association of Midwest Museums Conference, held from July 14-17 in St. Louis, Lisle resident and current curator of the Museums at Lisle Station Park, Brian Failing, was honored with the Promising Leadership Award. This award is presented to individuals who have provided exceptional service or shown outstanding commitment to the museum field.

Brian's supervisor, Mike Toohey, Superintendent of Recreation at Lisle Park District, was present with Brian at the conference to celebrate his honors. Toohey explained that "in his short time at the Museum, he [Brian] has greatly enhanced an already excellent Museum with the addition of the *Author Series* along with exhibits he has completed, including *Banned in Chicago: Eight Decades of Film Censorship in the Windy City* and *Sustaining Lisle's Heritage: The Story of Lisle's Incorporation.*" Brian is a recent graduate of North Central College in Naperville where he double majored in history and urban and suburban studies. In addition to his collegiate studies, Brian has volunteered at the Museums at Lisle Station Park for the past 5 years. This fall, Brian will be attending Eastern Illinois University to pursue his passion with a master's degree in historical administration.

To see Brian's most recent undertaking at the Museums at Lisle Station Park, stop by to view the acclaimed exhibit *Banned in Chicago: Eight Decades of Film Censorship in the Windy City* on display through Saturday, August 16, which he produced with his North Central College professor, Steve Macek. Or, visit the Museums at Lisle Station Park for the 5th Annual *Chicago History Author Series*. Meet the authors at this FREE series and get your books signed while receiving a crash course on the history of our great, windy city. This series takes place every Saturday from September 20 – November 15 at 4:00pm in the Lisle Depot Baggage Room at the Museums at Lisle Station Park, 921 School Street, Lisle, IL 60532. Call 630-968-0499 or visit LisleParkDistrict.org/museum to learn more.

The Lisle Park District provides a variety of leisure activities for people of all ages throughout the year. Park district facilities include Lisle Community Park; the Recreation Center which houses Gentle Learning Preschool, SEASPAR, the Senior Center, and multipurpose rooms; Sea Lion Aquatic Park; River Bend Golf Course; Wheatstack – A Midwestern Eatery & Tap and numerous neighborhood playgrounds and parks offering amenities such as tennis courts, ball fields, walking paths and picnic areas totaling close to 400 acres. It is the mission of the Lisle Park District to enrich the quality of life for people of all ages by providing constructive and creative leisure opportunities. For more information about the Lisle Park District, please call 630-964-3410 or visit LisleParkDistrict.org.

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