

Rep. Felzkowski: Honored to receive Library Champion Award

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Antigo, WI – Earlier today, Rep. Mary Felzkowski (R-Irma) was named Legislator of the Year for 2018 by the Wisconsin Library Association. This is the third year Representative Felzkowski has been recognized with this honor:

“I am so honored that the Wisconsin Library Association has presented me with this award. There is hardly a more diligent and dedicated group of people than our library directors and librarians in Wisconsin. I believe that is why we’ve been able to achieve so much together.”

Rep. Felzkowski and the Wisconsin Library Association have worked together to pass the Public Library Data and Technology Training bill, which has allowed for rural libraries to apply for TEACH grants, as well as securing funding for libraries that has enabled them to expand the online courses they offer.

“Libraries are not only the beloved settings for childhood memories and story times, but are also modern, effective hubs for job training and workforce development. Our local libraries provide opportunities for professional development for those transitioning careers or preparing themselves for the workforce. With our state facing record low-unemployment numbers, this is a perfect opportunity for us to look at how we can train employees for the careers of the future. I believe our libraries have a vital role to play in that and I look forward to working together to make it happen.”

Rep. Felzkowski is hosting In-District Office Hours at Antigo Public Library following the award ceremony.