



## *Chicago Ridge Library Recognized*

The Chicago Ridge Public Library is the winner of the 2004 Illinois Library Association Highsmith Innovative Library Award for the Library Quilting Program. Kathleen McSwain and Kathryn Sofianos were presented the award at the Illinois Library Association Conference Award Ceremony on Sept. 30 at Navy Pier. The Innovative Library Award was presented by Margaret Sullivan from the Highsmith Company.

The Chicago Ridge Public Library Quilting Program has reached over 40 women and created a quilting program that is one of the many library success stories. The quilting program has shared the art of quilting with library patrons starting in the fall of 2002. Many of the quilt projects hang proudly in the homes of the library quilters, or give patrons warmth while they curl up with a good book. Many service organizations throughout Chicago Ridge reaped the benefits of the quilt group as donated quilts were used as fundraising projects.

A Quilt Show and Afternoon Tea to celebrate the success of the Quilting Program was held at the Chicago Ridge Public Library on Saturday, Oct. 23. Thirty eight different projects from quilting participants were on display throughout the day.

Pictured left to right are: Jean Wilkins, Illinois State Library Director; Kathryn Sofianos and Kathleen McSwain, award recipients; Alice Calabrese, executive director of the Metropolitan Library System.

For more information about this program or other programs offered by the library call (708) 423-7753.