

Conferences and Awards

ABOS Annual Conference

Each year the ABOS conference committee creates a dynamic conference for library and outreach staff designed to provide training, practical knowledge, leadership, and many networking opportunities.

ABOS sponsors three annual awards.

The John Philip Award

Given to recognize outstanding contributions and prominent leadership by an individual in Bookmobile and Outreach Service.

The Carol Hole Conference Attendance Award

Includes the cost for conference registration and some related expenses of the attendee.

The Bernard Vavrek Scholarship

Awarded annually to a student who has been accepted into, or is currently enrolled in a LIS program, and who is interested in Bookmobile and Outreach Services within the library profession.



“ABOS is where ideas can be shared, questions answered and pride in the importance of what is being done acknowledged.”

“When I have a question or get into a jam, I know that I can ask my ABOS friends and colleagues for their ideas and solutions. Working in outreach services can be very isolating at times because we are outside the ‘library proper’.

Because of ABOS, I am no longer alone in the wilderness. These folks understand what my job entails and can help me.”

Connect with us:

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Affiliations

American Library Association

www.ala.org

ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services

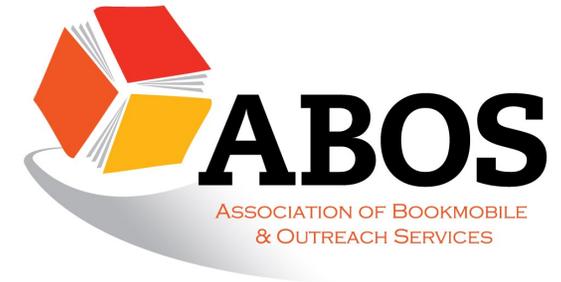
www.ala.org/offices/diversity

Association for Rural & Small Libraries

<http://arsl.info>

National Bookmobile Day

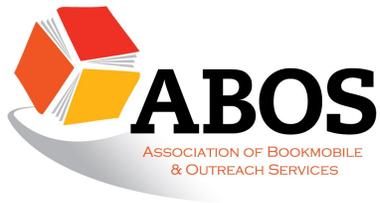
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*The Premier Resource Organization
for Bookmobile and Outreach Staff*



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Our Mission

The mission of ABOS is to support and encourage government officials, library administrators, trustees and staff in the provision of quality bookmobile and outreach services to meet diverse community information and programming needs.

Membership Information

- Only \$49 per person / per year
- Visit abos-outreach.org and click [JOIN NOW!](#)

Get Involved!

Become a member of ABOS and receive these membership benefits:

- Active access to our listserve where ideas, strategies, and best practices are shared
- National & Int'l. Resource Network
- Discount on the conference registration
- Voting rights in the organization
- Access to scholarships and awards
- Opportunity to aid in providing a voice for outreach and bookmobiles on the national library scene
- Mentorship from professionals who are leaders in this field

ABOS at Its Core

Discuss

- Provides a forum for discussion of all issues relating to libraries

Contribute

- Contributes to the Education and Training of those providing library outreach in all its variety

Promote

- Advocates for Outreach Services as essential to library services both nationally and internationally

Serve

- Encourages mentoring among long-term members and those new to Outreach
- Acts as a representative with National Organizations

Improve

- Pursues continual improvements in Outreach Services by encouraging creativity and collaboration



Conference Quotes:

“Fantastic job! I left the conference full of new ideas and excited about the future of ABOS and Outreach.”

“This is hands-down the most relevant, informative and energizing conference my staff and I will attend year after year.”

“My first experience was wonderful. Thank you to everyone who made all of the first timers feel welcome and a part of the ABOS family.”

“We are all in this outreach thing together. WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the lives of community. WE are getting the job done... one baby step at a time!”

“Outreach is still very much a growing service within libraries and there are many ideas that can benefit outreach librarians that are just starting out or [those who] have been working in that position for quite some time.”

