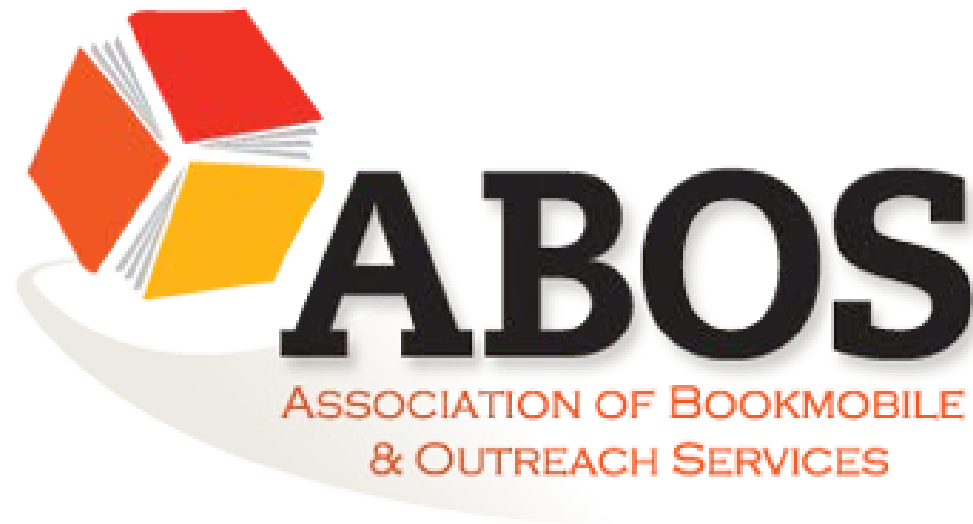


# “INNOVATION BEYOND THE WALLS - DOING MORE WITH LESS” - 2014

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# OUTREACH CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS FROM THE BOOKMOBILE

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# BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

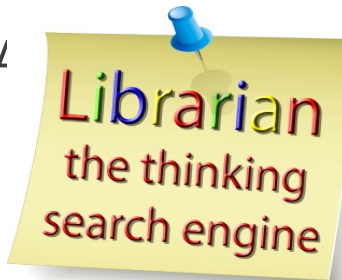
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## ❖ 36 YEARS AS A LIBRARIAN:

- ❖ Reference, ILL, Reader's Advisory, Programming, YA, Youth
- ❖ Reference Department Manager, Assistant Director
- ❖ Managed branch library – where you do *EVERYTHING!!*

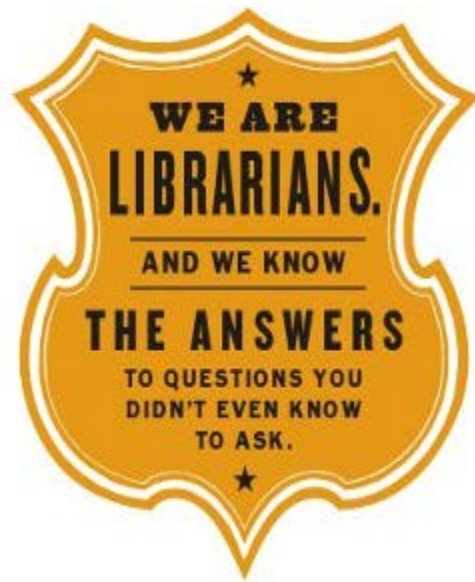
## ❖ 8 YEARS AS OUTREACH

MANAGER



# WHICH JOB HAVE I LIKED THE BEST?

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# OUTREACH SERVICES!!



# BOLINGBROOK, IL COMMUNITY

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- SOUTHWEST SUBURB OF CHICAGO
- POPULATION SERVED – 67,683 OUT OF 73,366
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN:
  - ENGLISH – 66%
  - SPANISH – 20%
  - OTHER – 14%

# WHERE DO WE GO???

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- COMMUNITY PARKS & NEIGHBORHOODS
- PRESCHOOLS
- ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS – THROUGH GRADE 5
- LOW INCOME HOUSING -3 LOCATIONS
- SENIOR HOUSING
- ASSISTED LIVING
- NURSING HOME
- MEMORY CARE CENTER

# OUTREACH PARTICIPATES IN COMMUNITY EVENTS

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## WINTERFEST



# TONS OF TRUCKS – PART OF “WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD”

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# TONS OF TRUCKS – VISITS TO BOOKMOBILE

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# TONS OF TRUCKS – STORY TIME

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# CAVALCADE OF PLANES

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# VILLAGE PICNIC

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# ANNUAL PATHWAYS PARADE

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# SUMMER PROGRAMS - PARKS

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# SUMMER PROGRAMS: NEIGHBORHOODS

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# SUMMER PROGRAMS: NEIGHBORHOOD – DAVE RUDOLF

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# SUMMER PROGRAMS: DAVE RUDOLF

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# SUMMER PROGRAMS: DAVE RUDOLF

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# BUT, WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?

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# THE STORY OF "MOPs"

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*Once upon a time...*

*In a land called "Illinois"*

*There were 3 staff talking about*

*Children's programming for the Bookmobile...*

# INSPIRATION FROM A WORKSHOP...

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*After attending a workshop called "Put Punch in your Program",*

*Two staff members thought it was a great idea,*

*Except, we didn't have a puppet stage.*

*How could this be done?*

"WE ARE SO BORED WITH OUR PROGRAMS!"

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*They wanted a new & different type of program.*

*It had to be funny, with songs & dancing.*

*"How do we do that with a small space on the Bookmobile?"*

*And someone remembered pieces of fabric that came WITH the Bookmobile!*

## "...WHERE IS IT?"

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*A search took place, looking high and low for the fabric.*

*The manager said, "...what are you looking for?"*

*And at once, one of the staff said, "Atta!" I found it!*

*The person remembered this was to be used on the Handicap Lift!*

**"USED WHERE???"**

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*So off to the Bookmobile we went, taking the fabric.*

*The handicap lift was lowered.*

*The staff became more & more excited, as they held the pieces in place.*

*"We really COULD do a SHOW with PUPPETS here!"*

UH-OH!!

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*And the manager said:*

*"Bring me a list of all that you need,*

*And I will see if the Budget can handle it!"*

*(She did NOT know what she was getting into!!)*

# HERE'S THE LIST!!!

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- *Stage - we have that!*
- *Curtains -we have that, too!*
- *Rods - needed for the curtains - put on the list!*
- *Puppets - (duh!/) We have "some". Have to buy MORE!*
- *Props - staff have become VERY CREATIVE, making their own!*
- *How will we perform the show?? - It's a less-than 4' space / heads can't be above the curtains. How about small stools??*
- *How will the puppets sit on the stage? - need a piece of wood made to fit the stage with holes in to hold the puppets!*

## ...AND MORE FOR THE LIST!!

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- *Plays/stories - work on this!*
- *Puppeteers - we have that!*
- *Scripts - how will the puppeteers be able to see the scripts? Velcro is a wonderful tool with plastic sleeves!*
- *Music - hmm...how do we project the sound?*
- *Graphics & promotion - work on this!*
- *Audience! Where do we go with this?*

# CREATING THE MOPS STAGE

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# HANDICAPPED LIFT

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# A STAGE!

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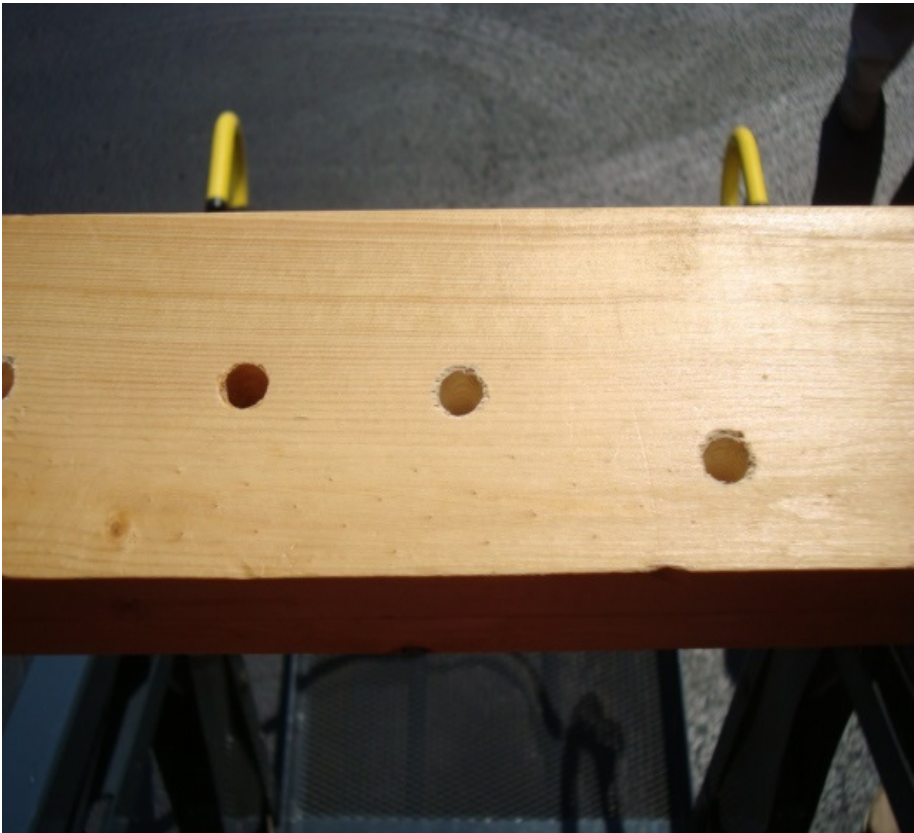


# SOMETHING TO HOLD THE PUPPETS

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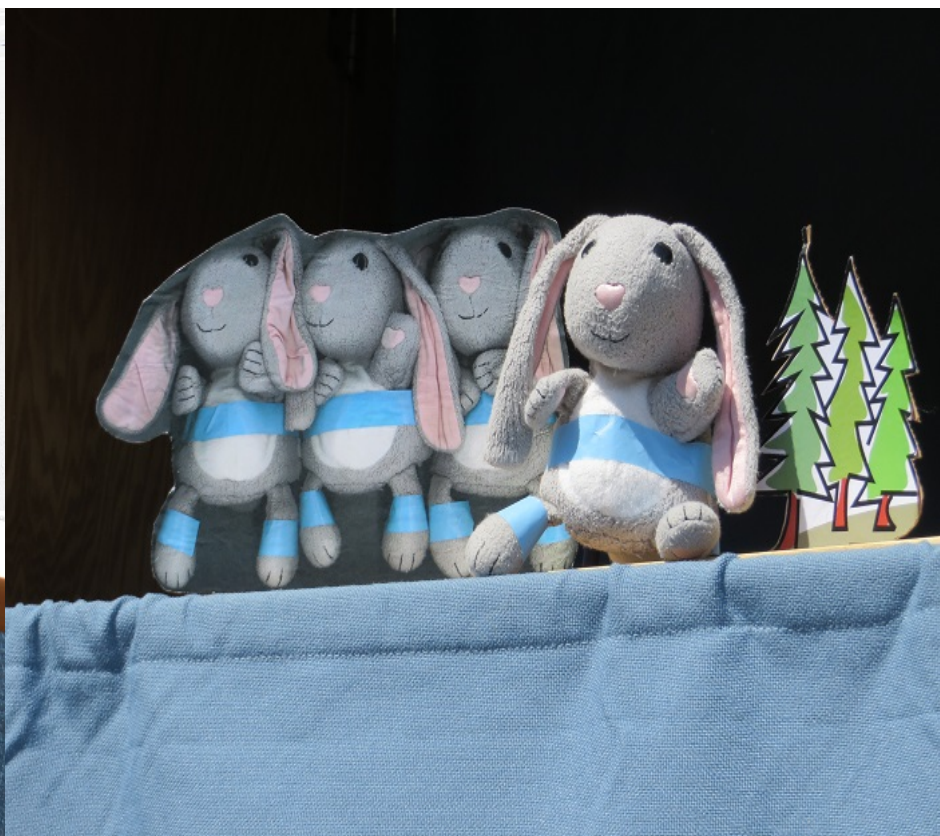




# LESS THAN 4' SPACE!

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# LEARN TO USE SOUND EQUIPMENT

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# TRAIN STAFF

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# PURCHASE SUPPLIES...

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# OBTAIN/ADAPT/WRITE SCRIPTS

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## **The King's Cookie** (with puppets, ¼, ½, ¾, full size cookies)

The King made a giant cookie.  
It was round. It was brown and it smelled delicious.

The King went to pick it up but the Queen shouted,  
"Stop! Stop! The cookie might be too hot! I will taste it for you."  
So the Queen went nibble nibble, munch munch, gobble gobble, crunch crunch!  
And some of the cookie was gone.

The King went to pick it up but the Prince shouted,  
"Stop! Stop! The cookie might be too cold! I will taste it for you."  
So the Prince went nibble nibble, munch munch, gobble gobble, crunch crunch!  
And some of the cookie was gone.

The King went to pick it up but the Princess shouted,  
"Stop! Stop! The cookie might be too sour! I will taste it for you."  
So the Princess went nibble nibble, munch munch, gobble gobble, crunch crunch!  
And some of the cookie was gone.

The King went to pick it up but the Knight shouted,  
"Stop! Stop! The cookie might be too sweet! I will taste it for you."  
So the Knight went nibble nibble, munch munch, gobble gobble, crunch crunch!  
And the cookie was all gone.

"My cookie!" cried the king.  
So the king made another giant cookie.  
It was round. It was brown and it smelled delicious.

The King went to pick it up.  
"Stop! Stop!" shouted the Queen, the Prince and the Knight.  
"We will taste it for you."  
"No!" said the King, and he ate it all up.

# CREATE PRODUCTION ORDER FOR SOUND PERSON

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MOPS Production Order August 2 Sunset Park Melissa & Cindy					
New Play List 1					
ACT	Track	Title	Time	Artist	Album
Intro Music		1 It's a Sunny Sunny Day	01:15	Disney	More Silly Songs
		2 BusyBusyBusy	02:03	Kevin Kline	Philladelphia Chickens
		3 Midnight Snack	02:00	Richard Perlmutter	Beethoven's Wig #4
		4 Fruit Salad	03:00	Jack Grunsky	Sing & Dance
ACT 1		The Kings Cookie	02:30		
		5 Pasta	01:37	Linda Arnold	Peppermint Wings
ACT 2		6 On Top of Spaghetti	02:11	Disney	More Silly Songs
		7 Knead Some Dough	02:25	The Wiggles	Top of the Tots
ACT 3		Pizza is it's Name	04:00		
	Continue	7 Knead Some Dough	00:00	The Wiggles	Top of the Tots
ACT 4		8 Make A Pizza	02:47	Ken Sheldon	
		9 Yes, We Have No Bananas	03:03	Louis Prima	
ACT 5	10-19	Hi! Pizza Man	03:30		
		20 Hot Dog!	02:29	They Might Be Giants	Here Comes The 123's
		21 Closing Theme	00:59	Muppets	Muppet Hits
Closing		22 Popcorn	03:16	Greg & Steve	We All Live Together
			37:05		
		Total time without Intro music	28:47		

# STAGING PROPS

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# REHEARSE, REHEARSE, REHEARSE!!

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# GATHER AN AUDIENCE

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# THE KING'S COOKIE - video

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# PROMOTION: GRAPHICS FIRST RENDERINGS

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# COMPLETE MAKE-OVER

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# EVERY GOOD SHOW MUST WARM-UP THE AUDIENCE! video

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# NOW WHERE DO WE TAKE THE SHOWS?

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- *Cavalcade of Planes*
- *Village Picnic*
- *End of Summer Reading at the Library*
- *Special end-of-summer performances*

# PARTNERSHIP WITH PARK DISTRICT

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# CLIMBING WALL & TRACKLESS TRAIN

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# CAVALCADE OF PLANES

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# VILLAGE PICNIC

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# SUMMER READING ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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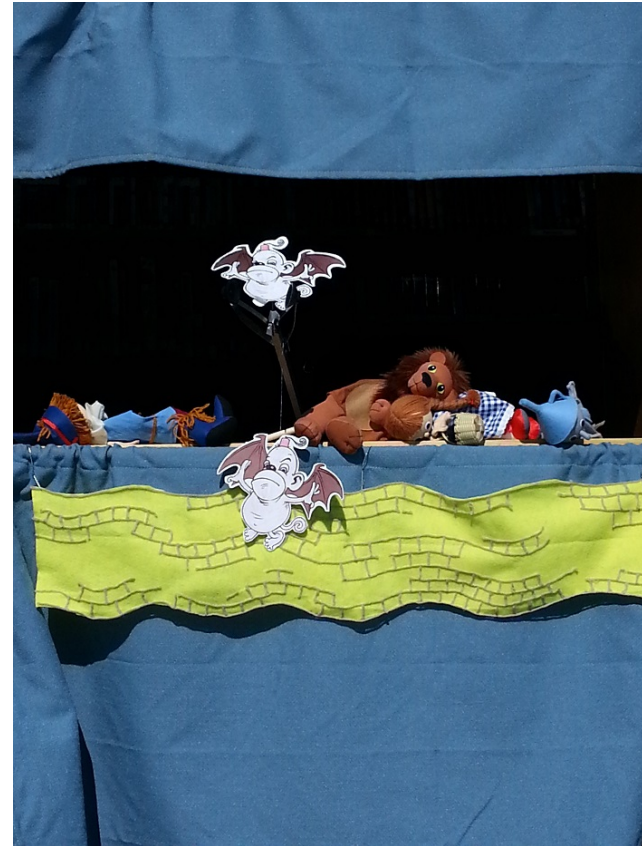
# END OF THE SEASON SHOWS

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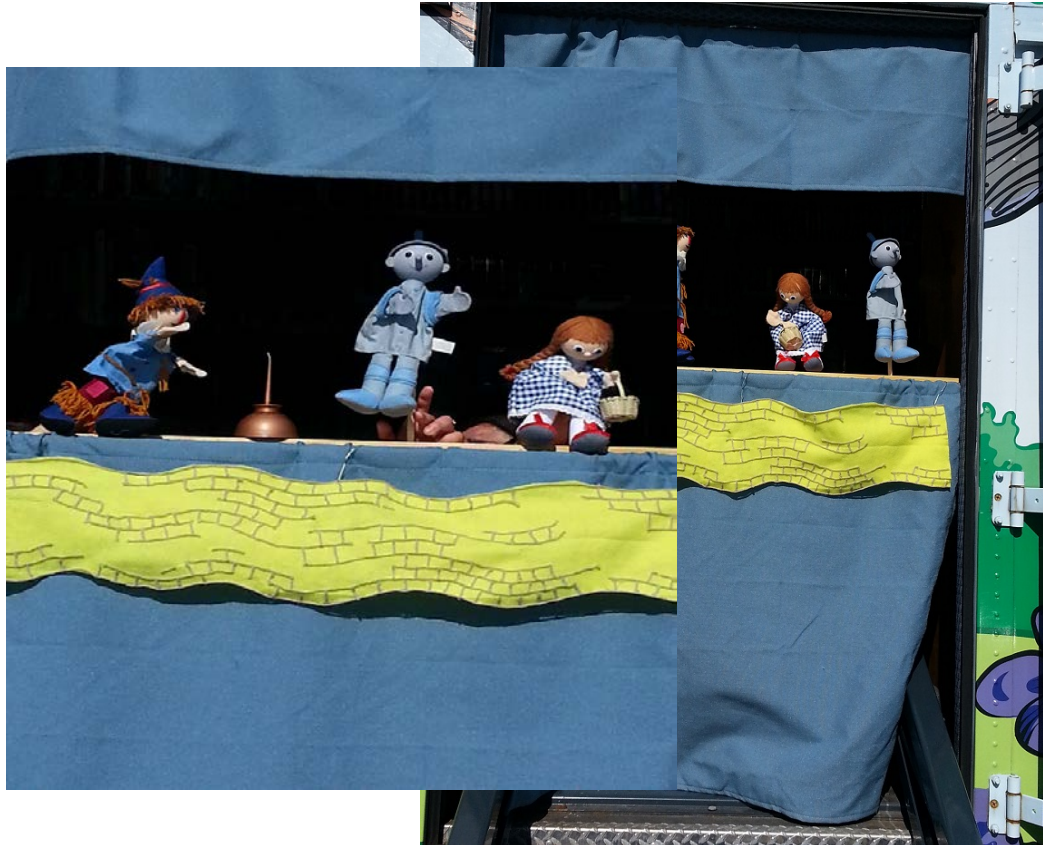


# LARGER PROJECT: WIZARD OF OZ

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...IN TWO ACTS



# WHY DO WE DO THIS?

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# REACTION TO THE SNAKE PUPPET!

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- TO ENTERTAIN
- TO INSTILL A LOVE OF READING
- TO BRING THE LIBRARY TO THE PATRONS



# MOPs WENT TO ALA's BOOKMOBILE SATURDAY IN CHICAGO, 2013

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# WHAT'S NEXT?

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# GRAND PRIZE FOR SUMMER READING, 2014

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- TWO SHOWS WERE AWARDED AS GRAND PRIZES FOR SUMMER READING; 1 FOR THE BOOKMOBILE, AND 1 FOR THE MAIN LIBRARY.
- FREE PIZZA WAS DONATED BY A LOCAL VENDOR
- FAMILIES WERE LIMITED TO 15 PARTICIPANTS
- IN EACH CASE, IT BECAME A PARTY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD!
- WE RECEIVED RAVE REVIEWS AND PROFUSE THANKS FOR DOING THIS!

# BOOKMOBILE WINNER

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# BOOKMOBILE WINNER

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# MAIN LIBRARY WINNER

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# MOPs PLAYERS

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# MOPs Players

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# ABOS CONFERENCE – 2015 PHEASANT RUN – ST. CHARLES, IL

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- Join us in St. Charles, IL for next year's conference in the Chicagoland area.
- MBON group will hold their Bookmobile Roundup at the conference with 12 vehicles on exhibit.
- MOPS will perform at the conference!



THANK YOU!

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