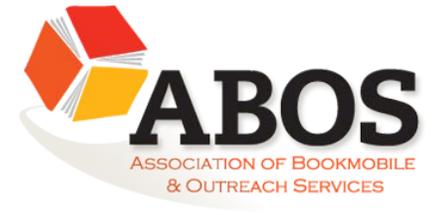


2017 ABOS Conference Final Presenter List

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2017 Conference "Outreach Services - Bridging the Gap"

October 25-27, 2017 Pittsburgh, PA

DoubleTree by Hilton (Pittsburgh - Green Tree), Pittsburgh, PA.

ABOS 21st Century Bookmobile Safety.

The times are changing, and so are bookmobiles – are you prepared? This presentation will cover a wide range of safety and security topics related to outreach services. Starting with a quick overview of basics including setting up a safe public stop and creating emergency kits, the presenter will then expand the scope to include up-to-date issues such as medical emergencies, carbon monoxide exposure, severe weather response, bed bugs, and emergency communications.

Michelle Stottlemire (mstottlemire@gmail.com), Public Services Specialist, Topeka Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS. Michelle comes to outreach services from an eclectic background which includes university housing, property management, and museum education. For the past 7 years she has traveled the roads as a bookmobile jockey at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, 2016 Library of the Year recipient from Library Journal. She absolutely loves working in these "mobile branches" and believes they are a critical part of providing library services to all residents.

American Dream Literacy Initiative

The American Dream Literacy Initiative is a year-long grant funded program that delivers services and serves thousands of Adult English language learners in a welcoming environment. Funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, the grant allow libraries to augment their print and digital ESL collection. American Dream public libraries are selected through a competitive application process. Upon assessing the community needs, American Dream libraries offer computer access and training, job readiness programs, ELL and GED courses. In some instances where applicable, citizenship classes are offered.

Zina Clark (zclark@ala.org) serves as official contact for The American Dream Literacy Initiative, facilitates the day to day operations, including communication with libraries, and assists libraries in developing, implementing and managing grant budgets. Compiles reports on the activities of American Dream libraries, exhibits and presents on American Dream libraries' resources and services, conducts site visits to assess project outcomes, and coordinates grant funded activity such as growing membership and retention efforts. Serves as liaison for the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services and the Association for Rural & Small Libraries and assists in planning of special event logistics, catering and scheduling for ODLOS.

Astronomical Outreach: Collaboration Across our Library System.

At the Madison County Public Library, collaboration across departments is something that we are absolutely passionate about. This presentation will not only showcase a number of fun, educational, and enriching library programs that we offer to our community, but will also tell the story of team-building and collaboration as each new program is created and reaches its fruition! We hope to inspire YOU to deepen your own team's mission by sharing the things that work best for us at MCPL!

Brandon Thompson (brandon@madisonlibrary.org), Outreach Services Coordinator, Madison County Public Library, Richmond, KY. Brandon has been the Outreach Service Coordinator for the Madison County Public Library since 2011. He spends his days gladly bringing a plethora of library services out into the community of Madison County. Brandon is passionate about serving all ages and developing fun, enriching programs for his community. He also loves collaborating with his library team to create awesome programs and offerings!

Bed Bug Boot Camp.

Bed bugs, bed bugs, whatcha gonna do? In 2016, staff at the La Porte County Public Library had to ask themselves this question. We were able to continue providing outreach services while battling bed bugs, demonstrating you do not have to discontinue a "high-risk service" because of critters. You just have to have a good plan! Attend this session to learn the basics about bed bugs, develop a prevention strategy, and get tips for remaining professional while being grossed out.

Toni Kester (tkester@laportelibrary.org), Outreach Services Librarian, La Porte County Public Library, La Porte, IN. Toni, since 2013, oversees the Mobile Library and Doorstep Delivery services, develops and teaches classes for all ages, and facilitates a book club at Camp Summit Boot Camp for young men.

BLAST: Bringing Libraries and Schools Together.

BLAST (Bringing Libraries and Schools Together) is a partnership between Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Public Schools that began in 2002 and continues to reach thousands of students each year. This session will highlight how the program was established and the strategies that were used to build a strong relationship between the public library and school administrators, teachers, and librarians.

Mary Beth Parks (parksm@carnegielibrary.org), Children's Services Coordinator, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. Mary Beth is a librarian with ten years of experience who currently serves as the Children's Services Coordinator at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, a large urban Library with 19 locations. She supports a staff of more than 40 Children's Specialists in providing library programs and services to children and families. She works closely with partner organizations all over the city to forward the Library's mission to engage the community in literacy and learning.

Sarah Filson (filsons@carnegielibrary.org), BLAST School Outreach Specialist, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA). Sarah is a member of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh BLAST (Bringing Libraries and Schools Together) team. She has more than eight years of experience in elementary education. Through her position, she has provided interactive read-alouds and STEM/literacy based activities to 25 schools within the Pittsburgh Public School District. Sarah works with her team members to find creative ways of introducing the library's resources to schools, building a connection from classroom to library.

Building Bridges Through Disability Awareness.

Six hundred 5th grade students learned about the Disability Rights Movement then went on an engaging field trip that explored the public library's accessibility and use of Universal Design. The fieldtrip included touring the RHPL Outreach Department, indoor and outdoor curriculum-based measuring and mapping activities, guest speakers describing daily challenges, and walking Downtown Rochester to explore private businesses and municipal access. Outreach staff shared some services the library provides including large print materials, adaptive materials and technologies, and the talking books for the blind service. This memorable collaboration experience was made possible with local schools, local businesses, RHPL, and parent organizations.

Mary Davis (mary.davis@rhpl.org), Outreach & Bookmobile Services Manager, Rochester Hills Public Library, Rochester, MI. Mary is the Outreach & Bookmobile Services Manager at RHPL. The majority of her career has been spent in Youth Services and managing a small branch library. She loves working in Outreach. Mary earned her MLIS from Wayne State University.

Lisa Kowalski (lisakowalski1984@gmail.com), Advocate for people with special needs, Rochester, MI. Lisa's son Aaron was born with complications including Autism that motivated her to shift her career focus and learn about therapeutic interventions, special education and advocacy. She co-authored the Disability Awareness Workshop, a hands-on activity based program, which more than 200,000 students and adults have participated in over the past 19 years. It has received national and state recognition. She received her MS in Engineering Management and worked for GM for 13 years.

Call-In Programming: Keep It Simple.

Broaden the reach of book clubs, presentations, discussions, and author talks by offering programs over the phone. Overcome the barriers of lack of transportation, disabilities, or distance by hosting programs using simple phone conferencing software. Jefferson County Public Library, CO, will share lessons, materials, and tips for offering your own phone programs. Bring your mobile device!

Cecilia LaFrance (cecilia.lafrance@jeffcolibrary.org), Coordinator of Public Services, Jefferson County Public Library, Lakewood CO. Cecilia is the Library 2 You Coordinator at Jefferson County Public Library (Colorado), a 2016 Library Journal Mover & Shaker Award recipient, and an amateur author of fiction and poetry. JCPL Library 2 You offers bookmobile service to senior citizens, incarcerated populations, and communities without a physical library and also offers home service delivery to people with disabilities.

Get the Facts About CDLs.

Bigger, better bookmobiles allow for growth in outreach services – but often require drivers to have a CDL (commercial driver’s license). What are the pros and cons of CDLs? This presentation will cover a variety of CDL topics that can affect outreach services, including insights on training, personal liabilities, vehicle operations, and required documentation. Additionally, federal requirements such as drug and alcohol testing will be reviewed.

Sandy Hestand (shestand@tscpl.org), Community Services Supervisor, Topeka Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS. Sandy has over ten years of experience bringing the library out into the community through bookmobile outreach services. She is the Community Service Supervisor at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library 2016’s Library of the Year recipient from Library Journal. She is also a mother, musician, and CDL licensed driver. She believes that libraries are the heart and soul of the community and the life changing power of knowledge.

Michelle Stottlemire (mstottlemire@gmail.com), Public Services Specialist, Topeka Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS. Michelle comes to outreach services from an eclectic background which includes university housing, property management, and museum education. For the past 7 years she has traveled the roads as a bookmobile jockey at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library. She absolutely loves working in these “mobile branches” and believes they are a critical part of providing library services to all residents.

Grab and Go: Expanding and Strengthening Senior Programming.

Participants will be introduced to creative and fun ways to expand and strengthen programming at senior facilities and at the library, especially for patrons living with dementia. Whether utilizing memory kits, travel and reading programs, and antique items to inspire memories, or by incorporating painting, stuffed animals, therapy dogs, and music activities to stimulate the senses, participants can develop ideas that work for their library, community, and budget. Learn from the experiences and successes of David J. Kelsey and Lynda Spraner, Outreach Services Department staff at St. Charles Public Library in St. Charles, IL.

David J. Kelsey (dkelsey@stcharleslibrary.org), Outreach Services Librarian, St. Charles Public Library, St. Charles, IL. David is a 2016-2017 ABOS Board Member-at-Large and is Chair of the Awards Committee. David is the co-founder and co-chair of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System’s (RAILS) Serving Patrons with Dementia Group as well as the founder and chair of the Library Integrated Network Consortium’s (LINC) Outreach Task Force. David is a 2017 ALA Emerging Leader.

Lynda Spraner (lspraner@stcharleslibrary.org), Outreach Services Assistant, St. Charles Public Library, St. Charles, IL. Lynda currently serves on the ABOS Advocacy Committee. Lynda is the recipient of the Illinois Library Association’s 2017 Robert P. Doyle Award, which recognizes a support staff member’s continuous dedication and commitment to the library field.

I'm Here, Now What? How to Grow or Expand Your Department.

What happens when the department you inherit, has done 1 thing for 30 years? Now you want to expand it! How to grow your services without time, money or staff?

Zach Roberts (zroberts@midpointelibrary.org), Outreach Team Leader, Midpointe Library, Middletown OH. Zach runs the Outreach Department for Midpointe Library System in Southwestern Ohio. Zach has his BA from Purdue University and MLIS from San Jose State University. He lives a quite life in SW Ohio with his wife, daughter and dog.

It's Child's Play: Early Literacy and Learning Fun for Preschoolers.

Silly stories, songs, and movement bring excitement and joy to early literacy and learning! This session will demonstrate tried and true storytime favorites and memorable follow-up learning activities. We will discuss techniques for incorporating interaction while keeping everyone "on the same page." Objectives: Planning programs for learning success, with flexibility in mind for bookmobiles and outreach settings. Aligning storytime with early learning domains and standards, as well as integrating ideas from Every Child Ready to Read: 5 Practices. Sharing take-home tips for caregivers and families to extend high-quality, meaningful learning experiences at home and continue enjoyment of books and reading after the bookmobile or library outreach staff leaves!

Victoria Penny (vpenny@firstregional.org), Early Childhood & Youth Services Coordinator, First Regional Library, Hernando, MS. Victoria is Early Childhood & Youth Services Coordinator at First Regional Library in northwest Mississippi, where she has worked since 2000. Since 2008, she has managed the Words on Wheels BookWagon service, a mobile library outreach experience specifically targeted to preschool-age children in a five-county area. The BookWagon currently visits 40+ sites, providing storytimes and early literacy activities for young children, as well as resources for check out by teachers and child care providers.

Lunch & Learn with the SCCLD Bookmobile.

During the summer of 2017, the SCCLD Bookmobile team offered a special program for the students in a small town where over 50% of the kids qualify for free meals during the school year. Working with local partners, the Bookmobile served lunch and provided free educational activities for this community to help kids keep healthy and learning. I will take you through the process of funding, partnering, planning, implementing and the actual logistics of how it went down. What worked? What didn't? What would I do differently? Was it a success? What does the future look like for free lunch programs?

Amytha Willard (awillard@sccl.org), Supervising Librarian of Bookmobile Services, Santa Clara County Library, Campbell, CA. Amytha started working for our Bookmobile department straight out of library school and have loved it ever since! Now I am the supervisor! I love working for the bookmobile. I love bringing library service to people wherever they are. I love coming up with new ideas to improve service and learning from others.

Out Reaching!

In 3 years, Jackson District Library has significantly expanded its outreach to the Jackson Community. Some of these efforts include participating in the Eat Up Meet Up summer lunch program, the school book program, and internet research classes. These programs have increased program participation, circulation, and database usage for JDL. The Eastern Branch of JDL has not had many opportunities for staff to contribute to community outreach. With a new manager, increased staffing, and cooperation with the library's outreach department, we had the opportunity to bring the library to the community! We'll share tips that we've learned along the way.

Erin Kurtz (kurtze@myjdl.com), Branch Manager, Jackson District Library, Jackson, MI. Erin was hired as the Branch Manager of the Eastern Branch of Jackson District Library in April 2017 leaving a job as the Digital Literacy Librarian in Community Outreach from another library district. She is passionate in reaching the community wherever they may be.

Calvin Battles (battlesc@myjdl.com), Adult Services Coordinator, Jackson District Library, Jackson, MI. Calvin currently works as the Adult Services Coordinator at the Carnegie Branch of the Jackson District Library. His current job is to plan, budget, and implement all adult services and programs for the Jackson District Library system and specifically the Carnegie Branch. For the previous 3 years Calvin worked as a Youth Services Outreach Librarian. That job consisted of going into the Jackson community and speaking to school aged children, wherever they may be, about the products, programs, and services JDL has to offer.

Outreach Beyond the Books.

For the last several years, I have been visiting approximately 32 adult facilities a month. In the beginning, I discovered that there wasn't much interest when the residents heard that the "library lady" was in the building. Why? Because they associate the library with books, and for many people, books are not appealing or they are no longer able to read. So I decided to try a different approach. I started developing entertaining and educational programs about topics that interest my audience, such as Route 66, The 1904 World's Fair, The Fabulous 50s, and Marvelous Missouri. Some are slide shows or picture talks, others are games, storytelling, or music programs. And I still bring books that are relevant to the topic. It worked! Now, I have at least 20 people or more attending my programs at each facility! And you can too! Come and learn some useful tips for successful outreach!

Laurie Osseck (losseck@scenicregional.org), Adult Outreach Coordinator, Scenic Regional Library, Union, MO. Laurie is a graduate of Truman University in Missouri and a retired high school history teacher. She makes her home in Union, Missouri with her husband Wayne. They have four grown children and two grandchildren. Her library career began five years ago when she decided to go back to work part-time as a circulation clerk. After several years, an opportunity became available to provide outreach for older adults in the communities that the library serves. It began as a part-time position, but because of the success and demand from facilities, she eventually became full-time. Now, she visits 32 places a month and sees 600 people. "My job is so fun and rewarding. But the best part is the relationships I make!"

Outreach Revolution: Integrating Outreach and In-House Programming for Underserved Populations.

Outreach and Program Services (OPS) at Suffolk Public Library strives to reach underserved populations including adults with disabilities and recently incarcerated citizens. Our presentation will highlight how OPS has reached these communities through innovative outreach and integrated in house programming that has the support of all staff and community partners. We will share how we have established relationships through outreach and created a welcoming, enriching environment in the library addressing the varying needs of underserved populations.

Megan Mulvey (mmulvey@suffolkva.us), Outreach and Program Services Manager, Suffolk Public Library, Suffolk, VA. Megan directs the outreach efforts of the organization and cultivates sustainable relationships with community partners. In addition to outreach, Megan supervises Adult Programming creating meaningful opportunities for engagement both in the library and in the community. She graduated with her master's degree in Library and Information Science from Florida State University and is an alumnus of Old Dominion University. Megan currently resides in Norfolk with her husband and two young children.

Amy Brunson (abrunson@suffolkva.us), Community Services Librarian at the Suffolk Public Library. Amy works hard to create connections between the library and community through outreach services, programs, and partnerships. Whether developing on site programming or outreach services, Amy is focused on meeting the needs of all community members particularly those of under-served populations. Amy graduated with her master's degree in Information Science from the University of Tennessee and received her bachelor's degree in English from Arkansas Tech University.

Portuguese Mobile Libraries: 50 Years Traveling Throughout the Roads, Lands, and People of Portugal.

Journey with the wanderings of Mobile Libraries in Portugal - an influence in the promotion of books, reading, knowledge and always something more. Listen to its history, its growth, the difficulties, the renaissance, and its potential to take the library out of its walls.

Nuno Marcal (opapalagui@gmail.com), Mobile Librarian, Bibliomóvel - Proença-a-Nova Public Library, Portugal. Nuno was born in Castelo Branco. He's been a passionate librarian in the Municipal Library of Proença-a-Nova, since 2003 and been a Librarian since 2006. Lorry (the vehicle) travels to attempt to reconcile Reason and Passion at the wheel of Bibliomóvel. In order to publicize books and reading and more, the mobile library project travels to villages of the six parishes of Proença-a-Nova. You can follow the journey on the presenter's blog: <http://opapalagui.blogspot.com/> where he depicts and recounts the wanderings of Bibliomóvel roads, land and people of Proença a Nova.

Programming for Multi-Needs.

In 2015 a multi-needs high school teacher approached our library hoping to bring her class so that the students became comfortable using a community resource. Through hands on activities we've been able to see tremendous potential and growth in the students. Now in our second year of partnership, we've enhanced our programming to closely align with the school's goals for the students, and we have worked to adopt techniques used in the classroom. Hear how we've learned to leverage library skills, technology, special education techniques and a lot of teamwork to serve a group of awesome students.

Erin Linsenmeyer (elinsenmeyer@dglibrary.org), Children's Librarian/ Outreach Coordinator, Downers Grove Public Library, Downers Grove, IL. Erin is a children's librarian and the outreach coordinator at the Downers Grove Public Library in Downers Grove, Illinois. As a child, the library was always a place she felt welcomed and she strives to bring that same inclusiveness to children now. She loves picture books that make her laugh, coffee, and sushi.

The Silver Tsunami: Learn to Surf or Be Swept Away!

How can libraries meet the challenge of serving an aging and diverse demographic? Learn how rural and suburban libraries are stepping up and how you can do the same. This program will cover the needs of older adults, report the findings of nationwide study of older adult services, and share ways to create partnerships and services to those in their "3rd act."

Cynthia Hughes (chughes5@uwyo.edu), Metadata Librarian, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY. Cynthia is a metadata librarian at the University of Wyoming and she received her MLIS from the University of Illinois and her BA from the College of William and Mary. She is a member of the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) and the Wyoming Library Association. Her research interest in small and rural libraries dates back to the five years she worked as the Director of the Beecher (Illinois) Community Library.

Skillbuilders: Programs for Those Navigating Life Changes.

When experiencing loss due to the death of a loved one, adapting to aging issues, illness, change in living arrangements, divorce or caregiving, grief is not the only challenge that one faces. Skillbuilders provides informational speakers on topics that are both practical (including banking, law, car care and cooking for one/two) and personal (stress, grief, loneliness). How to establish a program that partners with local agencies, organizations and businesses for providing this information will be shown. A proven highly successful library program, Skillbuilders is beneficial to the library and to the community partners.

Pattie Johnston (johnston@lawrence.lib.ks.us), Outreach Services Coordinator, Lawrence Public Library, Lawrence, KS. Pattie, ABOS Past President, has been in outreach services since her hiring in 1972. Specializing in senior services, Pattie has been involved in numerous community aging organizations and agencies. With an emphasis on broadening the library's image in the community, she has established partnership with various groups in the area that has taken the library's service off-site and into locations where the library had not been previously. These efforts have provided the library with additional partnerships for programs, services and funding. An active ABOS member, Pattie has served on the board, various committees and is a past president.

Turning a Wish into a Reality.

How a wish for books fostered a vision that led to a rural county library system - and it all began as an outreach program. Your vision can become your reality. Dream large and leave inspired.

Cathy Zimmerman (czimmerman@scottcountylibrary.org), Bookmobile Associate, Scott County Library, Eldridge, IA. Cathy has a Masters in Music Research and Writing and is an eleven year veteran of the Scott County Library System. Her primary duties include adult outreach and bookmobile services/programs to schools, daycare facilities, senior facilities, home school families and neighborhood routes. She is a member of ABOS and serves on several committees.

The Wacky World of Dr. Seuss: Bring Your Inner Thing to Life!

When Thing 1 and Thing 2 work together they get a lot done. Not to mention the fun they have doing it. For 5 years we have brought Thing 1 and Thing 2 and the Cat in The Hat to thousands of students in the Letcher County Kentucky School System. We visit each school to read and perform. Dancing, juggling and fighting over who is the best, all in the name of getting students excited about reading. With our presentation we will show you how to develop and plan an exciting program for kids of all ages.

Legina Adams (letcherbookmobile@gmail.com), Bookmobile Librarian, Letcher County Public Library, Whitesburg, KY.

Tessa Caudill (tessa_lee09@yahoo.com), Children's Librarian, Letcher County Public Library, Whitesburg, KY.

We are a Bookmobile and Children's Librarian duo from Letcher County Kentucky, and are read across America enthusiasts. We enjoy taking the love of reading on the road and sharing our passion with adults and children alike. We are also members of the Kentucky Storytelling Association and an award winning tandem duo.

What to Know Before You Go!

Vehicle pre-trip inspections and preventative maintenance are the best way to combat expensive break-downs and service interruptions. Join Michael Swendrowski, founder and president of Specialty Vehicle Services, LLC as he offers practical tips and suggestions on how to maximize your time in the field by ensuring your outreach vehicle is as ready to go as you are. Presentation will include both classroom and hands-on experience with a brand new bookmobile!

Michael Swendrowski (mswendrowski@vehiclesuccess.com), President, Specialty Vehicle Services, LLC., Muskego, WI. Michael is president of Specialty Vehicle Services, LLC. ("SVS"), an independent consulting firm dedicated to specialty vehicles. As a 30+ year veteran of the specialty vehicle industry, he draws on his vast experience and technical expertise to assist clients worldwide in successfully realizing their mobile goals. Michael also has a special passion for library outreach and has been honored to serve as Chairman of the ALA Subcommittee on Bookmobiles, been a longtime member of ABOS board of directors, co-authored "On the Road to Outreach" (Libraries Unlimited, 2009), and currently chairs the ABOS Bookmobile and Outreach Information Repository ("BOIR") committee.

Your Library Means Business.

For many years, the NPR Public Library has worked closely with our local Chamber of Commerce to make sure local business owners are aware of library resources. In this presentation, I am going to describe how we have used our local Chamber to reach out to our business community and market our services. I also plan on highlighting the value that librarians have to their local Chambers.

Kayla Kuni (techlib@nprlibrary.org), Community Education Librarian, New Port Richey Public Library, New Port Richey, FL. Kayla has worked for the New Port Richey Public Library since 2013. She is currently the Community Education Librarian. Her responsibilities include outreach, marketing, and cataloging. She graduated from the University of South Florida with an MLIS in 2015 and plans on going back to USF for her MBA this year.

Your New Bookmobile Arrived. Now What?

When Tulsa-City County Library embarked on its first new bookmobile, in more than 25 years, staff didn't know what to expect. How would we use the vehicle? How would we prepare our customers and colleagues? Although we anticipated the vehicle's development, procurement and construction phases, there was much to do while waiting for the vehicle's delivery and once it made it to Tulsa. From collections to staffing to marketing and more, outreach staff will share lessons learned about pre-arrival preparation and post-arrival deployment.

Tracy Warren (Tracy.Warren@tulsalibrary.org), Manager of Community Outreach & Literacy Services, Tulsa City-County Library, Tulsa, OK. Tracy is an 18-year library veteran that found her place, as the manager of Tulsa City-County Library's Outreach Services Department. She's eager to find new ways to serve the outreach services' diverse communities with the new bookmobile.

Stacy Johnson (Stacy.Johnson@tulsalibrary.org), Associate Librarian, Tulsa City-County Library, Tulsa, OK. Stacy has been an associate librarian at the Tulsa City-County Library for the past 6 years and excited about the library's new bookmobile and finding ways to better serve the outreach services' diverse communities.