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FROM THE TREASURER...

It's only July, but the ABOS Board of Directors is busy planning the upcoming ABOS Conference. As Coordinator of Registration for the 2019 ABOS Conference, I hope you will be able to join us in Omaha. At the Conference, you will be able to network with outreach colleagues from across the United States; view the "latest" and "best" outreach products on the market from national vendors; tour state-of-the-art bookmobiles and outreach vans; and discover new ways to expand, strengthen, and spearhead bookmobile and outreach initiatives across your community. This year, don't worry about the meals! All breakfasts and lunches (plus the Wednesday Networking Nite Celebration) are covered in your Conference registration cost, including author and closing speaker meals. Order your limited edition t-shirt as well - just for the 2019 ABOS Conference - as well as a book to be signed by author Jill Esbaum with part of the proceeds benefiting the BOIR project. If there are ways we can improve the conference for next year, please let any Board member know. The Conference is for our members and we want to give you the best conference experience possible. I look forward to seeing you and welcoming you to Omaha!

—David Kelsey, Treasurer and Conference Registration Coordinator



David Kelsey, ABOS Treasurer

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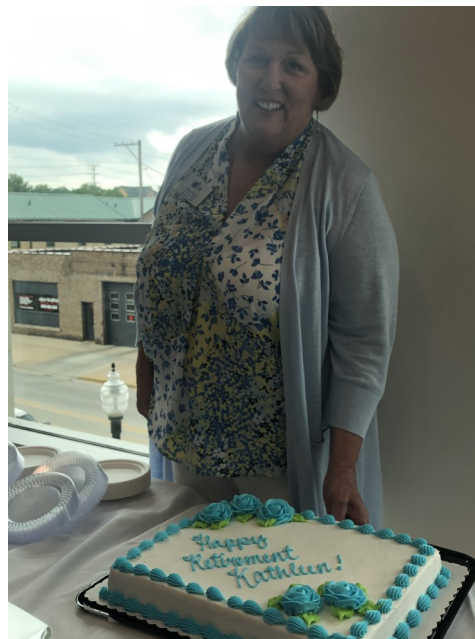
*“If truth is beauty,
how come no one has
their hair done in the
library?”*

—Lily Tomlin

HAPPY RETIREMENT, KATHLEEN!

Colleagues, friends and family celebrated the career and retirement of Outreach Services Manager Kathleen Butzen on Thursday, June 20, at Aurora Public Library (IL). Kathleen was presented with a custom plaque from the library makerspace that highlighted her 14 1/2 years of service and included a custom color decal of the bookmobile. Executive Director Michaela Haberkern thanked Kathleen for her excellent work promoting outreach services in the community. Heather Sturm, Director of Neighborhood Services, commended Kathleen for leading the library to reduce barriers to service for all customers. Kathleen will be very much missed.

Heather Sturm is the Director of Neighborhood Services at Aurora Public Library, IL.



Kathleen Butzen was the recipient of the John Philip Excellence in Outreach Award in 2017.

Left: Kathleen is shown with her husband, daughter, and future son-in-law. Above: Kathleen poses with her lovely retirement cake!

AWARDS DEADLINE APPROACHING

The ABOS Awards Committee is still taking applications for the Carol Hole, John Philip and Bernard Vavrek awards. The Carol Hole travel awards are given for 2019 conference attendees and this year we will give out six of them. The John Philip



Excellence in Outreach award is the highest honor given by ABOS in the Outreach field. The Bernard Vavrek Scholarship of \$1000 is awarded to a graduate student in the field of Outreach and Library Sciences.

Please go to the ABOS website: <http://abos-outreach.com/awards> for more information on the awards and the application process.

Questions may be directed to: Cathy Zimmerman, Awards Committee chair at vicepresident@abos-outreach.com.

The deadline for applications is July 31, 2019.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE READING KIND

The Scott County Bookmobile opened the summer reading program event decked out as an alien space craft in search of reading materials. Close Encounters of the Reading Kind!

Cathy Zimmerman is Vice President/President Elect of ABOS, and is the Bookmobile Associate at Scott County Library, Eldridge, IA.



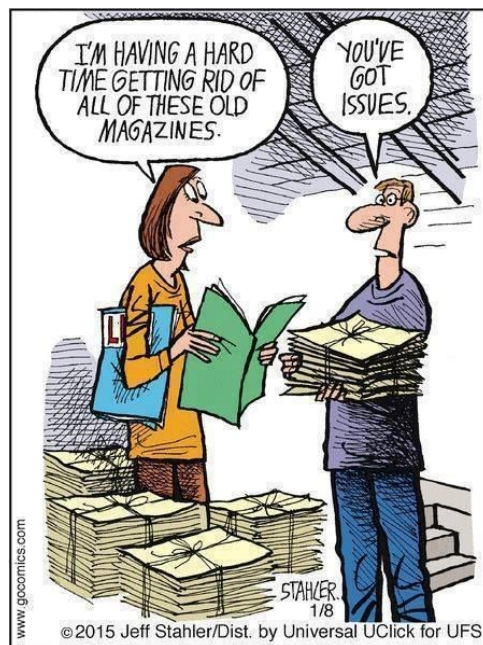
Planets and a rocket ship set the mood for summer reading fun!



Alien balloons and stars adorn the driver's seat.

Upcoming ABOS Conferences

- 2020 Dallas, TX
- 2021 St. Louis, MO
- 2022 Scottsdale, AZ



SPACE STATION SUMMER

Maine astronaut Jessica Meir will soon take her first space flight so Walking Books Library in East Dixville, ME is celebrating with a Summer of Science. Handouts about Meir, the co-pilot of a Soyuz rocket, will be available along with books about people working in the space program. Best watching dates for the annual Perseids meteor shower will be featured on bookmarks. Other offerings include an easy to use microscope that clips onto any smartphone complete with slides to check out for one month, as well as various rocks with guidebooks. WBL would not exist without support from people like Joyce Baron, a road crew flagger, who took her break to drive the volunteer walking librarian past construction as the Summer of Science was beginning. Road crew flaggers, loggers, retirees, teens and children make up the varied and vibrant community that supports Walking Books Library and keeps it on the road. The Walking Books Library gives away new books to those who don't have easy access to them.

Kelly Sterns is the Librarian at the Walking Books Library in East Dixfield, ME.



Road crew flagger, Joyce Baron, didn't let road work stop the Walking Books Library!

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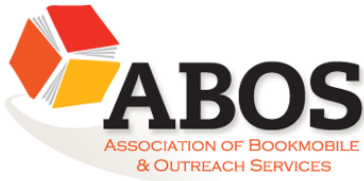
SUMMERTIME, AND THE LIVING IS EASY

Ah, summertime. Despite what's happening at our other branches of the Jefferson Madison Regional Library in Charlottesville, VA, the summer slows down on my Bookmobile. One of our church preschools and all three Head Start classes are out until the fall, as are the two county schools I visit regularly (neither school has a library.) Of course, we participate in the Summer Reading Program! Many of my regular families go to other branches, though, for the fancy programming - and I don't blame them a bit. My bookmobile folks are away on vacations or busy in their gardens and are just reading a bit less during the summer. Instead, I take my bookmobile to visit some preschools in what I call "reverse field trips." I go inside, talk about the library a bit, and read some books. Then everyone gets to come outside and visit the bookmobile. As a former preschool teacher, I love these trips. Since I change the schedule rarely, it's nice to have some variety with the seasons!

Willow Gale is the Bookmobile Supervisor at the Jefferson Madison Regional Library in Charlottesville, VA.



Alan with the Ferguson Head Start class at the end of the school year.



THIS AND THAT

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