ABOS Annual Conference
The ABOS conference committee creates a dynamic networking conference for library and outreach staff designed to provide training, practical knowledge, and leadership. People attend from all around the world for this eminent event.

Upcoming Conferences

October 14 - 16, 2020
Wyndham Suites - Park Central
Dallas, Texas

October 11 - 14, 2021
Hilton - St. Louis at the Ball Park
St. Louis, Missouri

October 3-6, 2022
The Scott Resort and Spa
Scottsdale, Arizona

October 17—20, 2023
Hotel Knoxville
Knoxville, Tennessee

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Affiliations
American Library Association
www.ala.org
ALA Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services
www.ala.org/offices/diversity

Annual Events
ABOS Annual Conference
http://abos-outreach.com/conference
National Bookmobile Day
http://www.ala.org/offices/olos/nbdhome
Our Mission
The mission of ABOS is to support and encourage government officials, library administrators, trustees and staff in the provision of quality bookmobile & outreach services to meet diverse community information and programming needs.

Get Involved!
Membership benefits:
- Active access to our listserv where ideas and best practices are shared
- Discount on the conference registration
- Voting rights in the organization
- Build your resume by participating in the association and committees
- Access to scholarships and awards
- Mentorship from leaders and professionals in the library and outreach field
- Part of a national and international resource network
- Opportunities to be a voice for outreach and bookmobiles on the national library scene

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion are fundamental values of ABOS and its members.

Membership Information
Individual - $49
Institution - $135 for 3 staff ($45 for each additional staff member)
Student/Retiree - $20

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- Provides a forum for discussion relating to libraries, bookmobiles, and outreach services
- Contributes to the education and training of those providing library outreach
- Advocates for Outreach Services as essential to library services — nationally & internationally
- Encourages mentoring between seasoned members and those new to Outreach
- Represent with National Organizations
- Pursues improvements in Outreach Services by encouraging creativity and collaboration

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