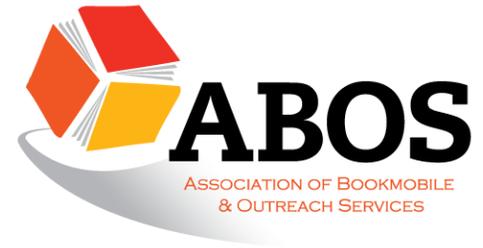


# Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services

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**Abbie Wilson, Bookmobile and Outreach Associate at Medina County (OH) District Library, is the recipient of the 2021 ABOS Pattie Johnston Outreach Award. The Pattie Johnston Outreach Award, sponsored by the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services, is presented annually to a bookmobile or outreach support staff member who has provided exemplary service to their community through bookmobile and outreach services. The Pattie Johnston Outreach Award was established in 2021 in recognition of Pattie Johnston’s forty-five years of exceptional service to the outreach field at the Lawrence Public Library in Lawrence, Kansas, as well as for her outstanding leadership and numerous contributions to ABOS.**

Over her many years as a Bookmobile and Outreach Associate at the Medina County (OH) District Library, Abbie Wilson is always learning and doing more. She is the go-to person in Outreach who is always willing to jump in to learn something new, try something different, or pinch hit in her department (or any other department) in the name of teamwork with flexibility and a smile. She selects and processes materials for the bookmobile and for Outreach members, keeps track of at least 30 patrons she serves each week with deliveries, keeps her storytime and ECRR skills fine-tuned for daycares, and more.

Examples of some of Abbie's exemplary outreach services and personal accomplishments through her 15+ year career at MCDL include:

- Obtaining and maintaining her CDL and regularly providing and coordinating bookmobile community stops
- Offering storytimes and summer reading to at-risk youth in a local low-income housing development
- Assisting in the planning and coordination of the Keep On Truckin' annual library event
- Providing monthly, in-person daycare visits to several facilities which includes storytimes for students, library materials for teachers and printed early literacy tips for parents which then pivoted to contact free, virtual visits and storytimes during COVID
- Attending countless community parades, festivals, back to school rallies and the county fair as an MCDL representative on the bookmobile

- Offering in-home delivery of Outreach Services with detailed readers advisory, and later, contact-free porch deliveries to Outreach patrons at their homes or facilities during COVID
- Delivering contact-free porch deliveries to bookmobile members during COVID
- Presenting at ABOS conference for “Using Your Bookmobile in a Time of Crisis” in 2012

Suzie Muniak, Assistant Director at the Medina County District Library, shares that, “Having worked community events on the bookmobile with Abbie, I have seen the faces of her patrons light up with appreciation when they see ‘their Abbie’ smiling and ready to serve. I have watched her tackle questions about anything from movies to romance novels to mysteries to teen literature. Her vast knowledge of MCDL services and eMedia help her open possibilities to her patrons with further suggestions, quick eMedia lessons, and recommendations for library resources. She cleverly keeps the bookmobile colorful, cheerful and interactive with seasonal displays, scavenger hunts, and games for all ages.”

Ann Plazek, Outreach Services Manager at the Medina County District Library and the 2017 ABOS President, describes that Abbie’s “commitment and unwavering support ... has made a difference in the lives of countless bookmobile patrons. Her passion for the world of library outreach makes Abbie Wilson the ideal candidate to honor Pattie Johnston's enduring legacy.”

**The Pattie Johnston Outreach Award will be presented at the Awards Ceremony to be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, during the 2021 Virtual Conference of the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services. The ceremony starts at 10:15 a.m. CST.**