

Candidates for the 2020 ABOS Ballot

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Vice President / President-Elect / Past President
(3-year term in total)

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David J. Kelsey



David J. Kelsey has been the Outreach Services Librarian at the St. Charles Public Library since 2015, where he coordinates the department's services and programs. David has served on the Board of Directors for the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) since 2016 (currently serving as the 2018-2019 ABOS Treasurer), has chaired two ABOS committees (Finance and Awards), and has served as the Coordinator of Registration for the 2018 and 2019 ABOS Conferences. David is the co-founder and co-chair of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System's (RAILS) Serving Patrons with Dementia Group and is the founder and chair of the System -Wide Automated Network's (SWAN) Outreach Users Group.

He is a 2017 ALA Emerging Leader and is the recipient of the Illinois Library Association's 2018 Alexander J. Skrzypek Award. His team received the 2018 ASGCLA Exceptional Service Award, administered by the Association of Specialized, Government, and Cooperative Library Agencies, a division of the American Library Association. For his contributions to the outreach field, David received the 2019 John Philip Excellence in Outreach Award from the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services, an affiliate of the American Library Association. David has been published in *Public Libraries* (March/April 2017 & July/August 2018) and featured in *American Libraries* (March/April 2018). David received his Master of Library and Information Studies from the University of Rhode Island and is the recipient of the library graduate school's 2019 Alumni of the Year Award.

Treasurer (2-year term) | **Past Treasurer** (1-year term)
(3-year term in total)

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Brooke Bahnsen



Brooke Bahnsen is the Aspen Drive Library & Outreach Services Manager for the Cook Memorial Public Library District, located in Vernon Hills & Libertyville, Illinois. She held the positions of Treasurer and Past Treasurer for ABOS during 2015-2018. During this time, she assisted in refining and drafting financial procedures, streamlined processes with the organization’s bookkeeper Amigos Library Services, assisted in researching and hiring an experienced non-profit accountant to complete and file all federal and state tax forms, and developed practices to secure the financial longevity of our

organization for the next generation of outreach and bookmobile librarians. Her goal in running for Treasurer is to contribute her expertise to further advance the mission of ABOS; “...to support and encourage government officials, library administrators, trustees, and staff in the provision of quality bookmobile and outreach services to meet diverse community information and programming needs.”

Ms. Bahnsen enjoys all aspects of Outreach Services in a public library setting. From the Bookmobile visits to preschools & daycares, community events, and homebound services to local senior centers and residences, she envisions outreach an important, relevant part of the public library’s mission to provide and promote open access to information, ideas and creative expression and to encourage life-long learning and personal growth to all members of the community.

Secretary (1-year term)

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Lori Berezovsky



I have served as the ABOS secretary for the past two years and have really enjoyed supporting ABOS in this role. I am particularly pleased to have been the chair of the Marketing Committee and having a hand in the creation of Out & About, the ABOS newsletter, as well as putting together the conference booklet this year. Outreach is truly my passion, and being an ABOS member has fueled that fire. I would love to serve for another year in the same role.

My current position as Outreach Librarian at Salina Public Library (KS) is always evolving and growing. I manage all outreach efforts geared toward serving adults and have built a large group of lobby stop devotees and homebound delivery patrons. I manage the care and adoption of ten Little Free Libraries and have begun a Read Aloud program in memory care units around town. In addition, I coordinate all of my library’s volunteers and serve as the liaison between the Friends of the Library and library staff. I have served on the Salina Adult Education Center advisory board for several years and strive to create meaningful opportunities for engagement in my community wherever and whenever I can.

Board Member-at-Large (2-year term)

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- There are ten (10) candidates vying for three (3) positions
- Please note that this list is in A-Z order. The ballot will be randomized.

Karen Bradley



My name is Karen Bradley and five years ago I was offered the best job on the planet: Mobile Services Librarian. While I was fuzzy on the details, I knew that I had found my home. Over the years my knowledge base has expanded and my passion for this specialty has only increased. Currently, I work with urban, suburban, and rural communities providing neighborhood bookmobile service. I provide additional services to neurodiverse patrons, including a story time for adults with disabilities, and co-pilot a creative art club called Library for All. I am passionate about working with my community and promoting library services, especially to the under-served in our district.

I have been a member of ABOS for five years, have served on the ABOS Nominations Committee, and most recently as Presentations Chair for the 2019 ABOS conference in Omaha. I have been the chair for the Rocky Mountain Outreach Interest Group, a Denver Metro Area networking group for library outreach services, for 3 years. I have presented both locally in Colorado and at three previous ABOS conferences. Working in outreach requires passion, flexibility, and tenacity. My goal is to provide the best service possible to our community members and continue to advocate on their behalf. Being a Member at Large gives me the opportunity to bring attention to outreach services in general, and my community in particular. I would be proud to serve on the Board a Member at Large.

Keturah Cappadonia



I have been a public librarian for over ten years. I have worked as director of a small rural library, as a youth librarian, and now as an Outreach Librarian for a public library system. Throughout all my jobs, I have found a great enjoyment in and passion for doing outreach work to underserved communities. In my current position, I help coordinate outreach efforts and partnerships for 48 library outlets in a five county area of western New York. We are a largely rural library system, and our member libraries depend on a number of outreach services we provide including rotating collections, partnership building, and training and workshops on outreach topics. I serve as my library system's liaison to the NY State Talking Book and Braille Library.

I am the chairperson of our Coordinated Outreach Services Advisory Committee, which annually awards grants for outreach projects. I also work with two NY state correctional institutions and five county jails to help provide and ensure library service for those populations. I am active in ALA, PLA, and the New York Library Association.

Rosa M. Granado



Rosa M. Granado is the Outreach Manager at High Plains Library District in Northeastern Colorado. High Plains Library District (HPLD) is a large, diverse district encompassing almost 4,000 square miles, many facilities, and four Outreach vehicles. She has been in Outreach Librarianship for over ten years. Prior to working in libraries, Rosa was a secondary English teacher who taught high school and middle school in Colorado and New Mexico.

She is passionate about helping patrons who face barriers to library service, Outreach Librarianship, data collection in Outreach, and enriching the lives of others through library services.

Katherine Grewell



My name is Katherine Grewell and I have been the Mobile Services Supervisor at the Tuscarawas County Public Library for almost three years.

In my time as the Mobile Services Supervisor I have reinstated home delivery services, maintained delivery of library materials to classrooms throughout the county, and led Pop-Up Libraries at fairs, festivals, schools and remote areas of the county.

Working in outreach is a wonderful opportunity to engage with the community and make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we serve.

Rebecca Hueske



Rebecca Hueske is a 15-year ABOS member. I was so proud to see the great attendance at this year's conference in my home state, and especially thrilled to see the huge number of first-time attendees! As a new member in the early 2000s, my first conference experience was in Columbus, Ohio, where I was floored by the wide range of vehicle types, knowledgeable people, and diverse services represented, and I hope you felt the same way this year. I believe ABOS and its listserv have served as the most significant support to my career and strongly believe that bookmobile and outreach professionals are the most innovative, driven people in the library world.

As a potential board member, my goals for the future of ABOS include strengthening membership ties by developing ways for members to get to know "the person behind the posts" on the listserv, encouraging members to reach out to colleagues who might not know about ABOS, and helping plan the next best-ever ABOS conference in Dallas so that some other new attendee can experience their own WOW moment!

Kim Jones

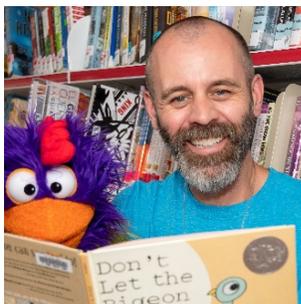


I have been a Bookmobile driver for the Chemung County Library District for the last 12 years. When I started out this wonderful adventure as a driver, I had a clerk that I assisted for about 3 years. I have been a one man show since. During the first three years I was asked to help put together a new Bookmobile.

I attended several ABOS conferences to help gather information on this process. It was one of the best experiences for me. I believe that was the time a realized how much I loved what I was doing in outreach, serving the community in a way that is so appreciated is very fulfilling and rewarding. Our Bookmobile serves all of Chemung County and I feel very fortunate to be among the 11 Bookmobile in all of New York State. We visit schools, Head starts, daycare's, senior housing, and of course community stops. I have storytelling at all of our children stops. I also attend several community events throughout the year. It has turned out to be the best career I have had, and I hope to continue on until my retirement.

At all of the ABOS conferences I have attended, I have always walked away with knowledge that I could put to good use. That is what is prompting me to get more involved. When I am not out driving the Bookmobile, I enjoy spending time at home on a small farm of cows, horse, and chickens with my husband of 20 years. We have a daughter and a son. Between them they have given us 3 wonderful grandchildren. I enjoy camping, gardening, quilting, crafting cooking and spending as much time with the family as I can. My husband and I have also done Foster kinship care for the last 5 years.

Kevin Kammeraad



Kevin is a Bookmobile Operator (and Puppet Guy) for Kent District Library, found on the west side of Michigan. After a 20-year career as an independent children's author, artist, and puppeteer, he's been with the library since summer of 2018. He's passionate about creative thinking, collaboration, and access for all, while bringing a unique perspective to all he does.

He's a recipient of a 2019 Carole Hole Conference Attendance Award where he dove right in as a newcomer to the annual conference as a photographer, volunteer on the tech committee, and produced a fun mini documentary where his puppet Siblee interviewed some of the attendees. He's ready to join the conversation in all ABOS stands for in this extended family!

Liana Morales



My name is Liana Morales and I am the manager of a rural bookmobile program based in Los Lunas, New Mexico. I have been working in outreach for the New Mexico State Library since 2016. I am originally from El Paso, Texas. I got my MLS from Texas Woman's University and previously worked as a library assistant at St. Mary's University School of Law Library in San Antonio, Texas. The mobile library program I currently manage is scheduled for three weeks out of each month where the bookmobile stops in 33 towns across 6 counties, covering about 2000 miles. I work closely with the staff from the other two bookmobile programs in the state to produce ideas on how to improve outreach and keep the logistical and technical aspects running smoothly. I really enjoy getting to know the rural residents at our stops, including some longtime patrons who have been boarding the bookmobile since its inception in 1957.

Some of the most important things I have learned about mobile librarianship are being a good listener, knowing how to select a variety of materials that will circulate well and that will suit region-specific interests, and that data can tell a story. I am interested in serving as a board member at large because I support the values of ABOS and I feel like I can play a small part in its mission by helping to connect library services to the rural residents of New Mexico. Being a member of ABOS and getting to know this organization's members inspires me to continue moving the program forward.

Robin Rousu



Since I first attended the ABOS conference in 2009, I have learned so much from and been inspired by the work of our wonderful organization. I have been an active listserv participant, an engaged conference attendee, and an enthusiastic conference presenter. I now would like to serve on the board and help ABOS thrive. My first professional library job was helping the Washington Talking Book & Braille Library plan and host a conference. I have spent the last 11 years as part of the bookmobile team at Seattle Public Library, working as a children's librarian and now as the Supervising Librarian for Mobile Services. I am passionate about overcoming barriers to accessing library services, finding good parking spaces, and crafting beautiful spreadsheets.

I will bring leadership and service experience to the board: I am a former ALA Emerging Leader, a past chair of the Reference Interest Group of the Washington Library Association, and am an active member of Outreach Workers of Washington Library Systems (OWWLS). By serving on the board, I hope to help us maintain and strengthen our conferences, build our connections with each other, and promote outreach and bookmobiles as an essential part of how libraries meet the needs of their communities.

Kathy Welko



I am Head of Community Engagement at Addison Public Library in Addison, IL. I have been here since February 2019. I came in after a reorganization of Community Engagement to take the department out of the building to find and create outreach opportunities beyond schools and preschools. In 2019 we have engaged with 4,000 more people than previous years just by being present in the community and going to where the people are.

Prior to this I was Assistant Manager of Outreach Services at Fountaindale Public Library in Bolingbrook, IL. At Fountaindale, I drove a 32' bookmobile and was part of a team that provide multiple outreach functions. I have worked in libraries for 10 years and in outreach since December 2012. I received my MLIS from Dominican University in May 2018. I have been a member of ABOS for 2 years and served on the Advocacy Committee for 2 years. I have a passion for making sure that everyone has access for library services and that people know what the library has to offer them.

I believe in what ABOS does and I think it is one of the most important library organizations because there is no other place to go for the depth of knowledge and experience about outreach that is available through ABOS. I hope to be a part of a great team helping ABOS move bookmobiles and outreach forward.