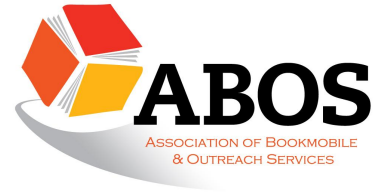


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Cari Poweziak, Adult Programs and Outreach Specialist at the Fox River Valley Public Library in East Dundee, IL, is the recipient of the 2022 Senior Services Super Star Award. The Senior Services Super Star Award, sponsored by the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services and MEternally Reminiscence Therapy, is presented annually to a library, department, or individual who has provided exemplary library outreach services to seniors in their community, including homebound seniors and seniors residing in facilities.

Cari Poweziak has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of seniors in her community. Cari has partnered with her library's Park District Senior Center to offer programs on various topics including Scams, Tech Help, and Art classes. She was able to work with AgeGuide to receive a Tablets for Seniors grant in which 28 Samsung Galaxy tablets were given to seniors and then Cari did three one hour training sessions to teach everyone how to use their new tablets.

Every month since October 2020, Cari has created and distributed Boredom Buster kits to the senior living communities in her district. She makes about 150 copies each month which include 15-17 pages of puzzles, sudokus, crosswords and coloring pages, safety information, library program information, a thematic die cut and a book mark. The kits are all bagged and delivered to each community.

In January 2020, Cari began a Caregiver Support Group. The group pivoted to online for many months during the pandemic and are now back in person. After talking with the caregivers, Cari created a small collection of Caregiver Kits that include reminiscence kits, jigsaw puzzles designed for folks with memory issues, and aquapaint kits.

In addition, Cari facilitates two book clubs for older adults and she visits the local adult day care once a month to read books to the members.

The Senior Services Super Star Award will be presented at the Awards Ceremony during the 2022 Conference of the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services in Scottsdale, Arizona.