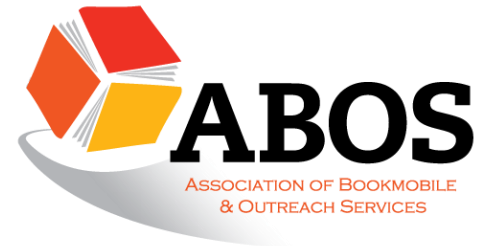


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## Press Release – For Immediate Release

**EvaLyn Flores, Early Literacy Outreach Specialist at Laramie County (WY) Library System, is one of the three recipients of the 2020 ABOS Rising Stars Award. The Rising Stars Award, sponsored by the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services, highlights the achievements of those new to the bookmobile and outreach profession.**

EvaLyn Flores has been the Early Literacy Outreach Specialist at Laramie County Library System (LCLS) in Cheyenne, Wyoming since 2018, and is responsible for developing and implementing the library’s First Steps: Literacy Begins at Home program. This new program has grown and excelled higher than expectations due to EvaLyn’s passion and dedication to her job.

The First Steps program involves home visits to families with at-risk children ages 0-3. EvaLyn assesses the children to determine their abilities and needs developmentally. She has developed curriculum with the Every Child Ready to Read program and she holds a Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate.

EvaLyn is a committed advocate for children and families and is determined to connect them with community resources that will build, strengthen and help families meet basic needs and thrive. She continues to build community partnerships and build the library’s presence around the community outside the traditional library walls.

Her home visits consists of an interactive storytime. She also implements the early literacy practices of read, write, sing, talk and play by using puppets, crafts and other activities to create a fun learning environment. Each home visit includes a free book for the child to keep so that families can begin building a home library of their own.

In addition to home visits, EvaLyn works closely with community partners in the early childhood education field and has set up learning spots located in various places around the city. These include laundromats, doctor’s offices, and community partner locations. Each learning spot includes board books and flyers about First Steps.

EvaLyn has been chosen as one of the program presenters for the 2020 ABOS Virtual conference.

**The Rising Stars Award will be presented at the Awards Ceremony to be held on Wednesday, October 14, during the 2020 Virtual Conference of the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services. The ceremony starts at 9:30 a.m. CST.**