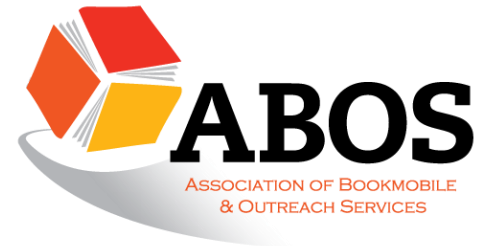


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Traci Joy, a student of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University, is the recipient of the 2020 ABOS Bernard Vavrek Scholarship. The Bernard Vavrek Scholarship, sponsored by the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services and Farber Specialty Vehicles, recognizes a graduate student who excels in their Library Science Degree program and who is interested in the field of bookmobile and outreach services.

Traci Joy, a student of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University, grew up visiting her local bookmobile in Nashua, New Hampshire. Though the bookmobile is not in operation today, Traci has been working with the state library and the aldermen who represent south Nashua's Ward 8 in order to reinstate bookmobile services to a side of town with a large immigrant population. Traci is in the process of researching a community wide survey to assess the community's needs to relaunch bookmobile service.

Traci is passionate that a library's services should be accessible to all, regardless of an individual's close proximity to a library's physical space.

During COVID-19, Traci is researching creative solutions in how libraries can reach their patrons through outreach services, whether that is books by mail, online programming access, curbside pick-up, or book drop off. A new bookmobile in Nashua, New Hampshire would help better serve older and at-risk populations who are most affected by COVID-19.

Traci is currently employed as a cataloger at the Hollis Social Library in Hollis, New Hampshire. Traci spearheaded books by mail for the library, to better serve patrons who are elderly, disabled, or who cannot leave their homes. Traci also volunteers to assist with book delivery in the community.

Traci has a 3.964 GPA at San Jose State University and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

The Bernard Vavrek Scholarship 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.