

# Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services Annual Conference October 3-5, 2007

Frontenac Hilton  
St. Louis, MO

## **Conference**

Meet us in St. Louis for the best conference you'll ever attend! Network with jail librarians, literacy providers, bookmobile drivers, managers, and outreach clerks from all over the world. See the latest in bookmobile design. Once you attend, you'll want to come back every year!

## **Featuring...**

### **Ridley Pearson**

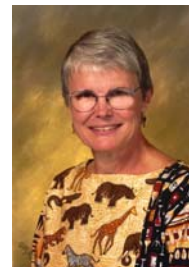


Whether it's writing frighteningly real suspense fiction, playing bass guitar in a literary all-star garage band, or penning the prequel to Peter Pan, Ridley Pearson has mastered the art of keeping a lot of people up all night. Ridley's novels cover a lot of ground: from paranormals to Peter Pan. With an emphasis on entertaining the reader and delivering screw-tightening suspense, both his crime fiction and his young-reader novels have earned him a reputation for detailed research and hair-raising story lines.

Now a New York Times bestselling author, Ridley began his professional career as a singer/songwriter in an acoustic rock band. Ridley is also a founding member of The Rockbottom Reminders, an all-author '60s rock and roll band now featuring Amy Tan, Dave Barry, Mitch Albom, Scott Turow, and more. Their motto: "This band plays music as well as Metallica writes novels." Join Ridley for a special luncheon engagement on Thursday, October 4th.

### **Lynne Martin Erickson**

Located in Madison, Wisconsin, Bi-Folkal was founded in 1976 by Kathryn Leide and Lynne Martin Erickson, former teachers and librarians. The Bi-Folkal idea grew out of a grant-funded project at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Library School in which program ideas and resources were packaged for those planning reminiscence programs with older adults. For over 30 years Bi-Folkal Productions have focused on reminiscing with multi-media, multi-sensory memory triggers. The goal of each of the resources is involvement. The more senses we involve, the more people we involve—and the more we involve them. Lynne Martin Erickson will present two programs on engaging older adults.



## **Housing**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Frontenac Hilton, St. Louis, MO. If you require lodging, telephone the hotel directly at 314-993-1100. Indicate that you are attending the "Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services Annual Conference" to obtain the conference rate of \$101, double or single, plus tax. Free round-trip van service is available from Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. Please phone the hotel from baggage claim area for pickup.

## **Vendors**

Vendors interested in exhibiting at the conference should contact Exhibits Committee Chair Tena Wilson at [twilson@cpl.org](mailto:twilson@cpl.org).

## **Additional Information**

For additional information about the conference, contact 2007 Conference Committee Chair Jeannie Dilger-Hill at 630-734-5123 or [pres@abos-outreach.org](mailto:pres@abos-outreach.org).

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## Conference Agenda

### Wednesday, October 3, 2007

8:00-12:30 p.m.	Registration
8:00-10:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00-9:30	Welcome and Conference Overview
9:30-10:30	ABOS Membership Meeting I
10:30-12:00	Breakout Sessions # 1-5

1. *Promoting Early Literacy: A Mobile Classroom for a Child's First Teachers* – Jim Teague, Fresno County (CA) Public Library. Providing early literacy support to families in rural, isolated communities can be challenging. The Fresno County AprendoVan staff will offer information on their services and the lessons learned from the last five years of their program.

2. *How We Do It! Models of Service* – Amy Stephens, Tulsa (OK) City-County Library System. A virtual site visit without the site! Join Tulsa City-County Library System's Outreach Manager for an in depth look at the services and infrastructure of a busy urban Outreach department.

3. *Looking at Programming Through Bi-Folkal Kits* – Lynne Martin Erickson, BiFolkal. For over 30 years Bi-Folkal Productions have focused on reminiscing with multi-media, multi-sensory memory triggers. We'll try out a variety of resources during this session in order to experience for ourselves the fun of finding meaning in our memories.

4. *No Time! No Staff! No Money! 10 Tips for Adding Literacy Services at Your Library* – Dale Lipschultz, Office for Outreach and Literacy Services, American Library Association. Public libraries are faced with the challenge of little staff, time or money to offer a literacy program. Learn how libraries just like yours are partnering in their communities and using the Literacy Readiness Inventory. Take home 10 practical tips, tools, and contacts to develop, expand and offer literacy services.

5. *Host Your Own Touch-a-Truck* – Martha Buckner, Ashland (OH) Public Library. Touch-A-Truck has been a successful program for 5 years and brings hundreds of people to the library. Ideas and handouts will assist you in planning and executing any large-scale program.

12:00-1:30	Lunch Break
1:30-3:00	<i>Bookmobile Conferences Down Under</i> – Cathie Richards, Mobile Librarian, North Shore Libraries, New Zealand. Cathie will give a snapshot look at both the New Zealand and Australian conferences held earlier this year and also a look at similarities and differences in the way the two countries operate their services.
3:00-3:15	Break, Refreshments
3:15-4:15	<i>Vendor Panel Presentation</i> – Specialty Vehicle Manufacturers will share the latest in bookmobile design with conference attendees.
4:30-5:30	ABOS Committee Meetings
4:30-6:00	Exhibits and Bookmobiles on Display
6:00-8:00	St. Louis County Library Reception and Tour

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### Thursday, October 4, 2007

8:00-9:30 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast

8:30-10:00 Breakout Sessions # 6-10

6. *It's in the Bag: Preschool Outreach Plus* – Susan Baker, Rapides Parish (LA) Library. Susan will present information on Rapides Parish Library's award-winning Preschool Outreach Plus program, along with advice on how attendees can start a similar program themselves.

7. *Mobile Library Occupational Health and Safety Guidelines* – Bruce Myers, Swan Hill, Victoria, Australia. Bruce will present a set of documents adaptable for any mobile library. These documents build on the Bookmobile Guidelines developed in the U.S., and add more detail on the relevant safety sections.

8. *Library Services to the Aged and Housebound* – Gayle Rowden, Yarra Plenty Regional Library, Australia. What do library users of an aging demographic want or need? To be informed, connected, included and enjoy lifelong learning through education and leisure. Service delivery to our aged and housebound takes on new challenges.

9. *Welcome to the Jungle: Providing Quality Library Service to Incarcerated Teens* – Jill Morrison, King County (WA) Library Service. With 17 years experience, presenter Jill Morrison will discuss the in and outs of providing excellent library services to teens in a locked facility, including: collection development and literacy, working with staff and administration, circulation, scheduling, programming, and working with teens.

10. *Dealio on Realia: Using Contact Paper, Velcro and State Standards for Programming to Reach Kids on Your Bookmobile* – Fred Kirchner, Dayton (OH) Metro Library. Hear bookmobile storytime activities designed for working with children aged 3 to 13. Fred taught school for 10 years, is an award-winning poet, and will be bringing his yo-yo: expect tricks, poems, and ideas. Highlights: the Velcro Poetry Wall and the Bookmobile Train Set!

10:00-10:15 Break, Refreshments

10:30-12:00 Moderated Discussion Tables

12:00-1:30 Luncheon Speaker: Ridley Pearson (optional)

*Crime Time*: Ridley Pearson shares stories of his career, from his first unpublished novel, to his most recent success: a Peter Pan series written with humor columnist Dave Barry.

1:30-2:30 Ridley Pearson: Book Signing  
Exhibits Time

2:30-4:00 Breakout Sessions #1, 3, 5, 7, 9, repeated

4:00-4:15 Break, Refreshments

4:30-5:30 ABOS Committee Meetings

4:30-6:00 Exhibits and Bookmobiles on Display

## Conference Agenda

### Friday, October 5, 2007

8:00-9:30	Continental Breakfast
8:30-9:15	ABOS Board Meeting (Open to Members)
9:30-11:00	Breakout Sessions #2, 4, 6, 8, 10 repeated
11:00-11:30	Break; Refreshments; Hotel Check-out
11:30-12:30	ABOS Membership Meeting II
12:30-2:00	Lunch Break
2:00-2:30	Exhibits and Bookmobiles on Display
2:30-3:30	<i>Manufacturers on Call</i> -- A panel discussion comprised of representatives from Specialty Vehicles companies.
3:30-4:00	<i>Concluding Remarks</i> -- President, Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services

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### Registration Form

Name:	<u>Registration Fees</u>	
Title:	<input type="checkbox"/> ABOS Member (\$150)	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Nonmember (\$190)	_____
Library (or Business):	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Only (\$65)	_____
Address:	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Only (\$65)	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Only (\$65)	_____
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**Registration Deadline: September 14, 2007.**

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