

# North Boone

## Community Unit School District 200

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### **North Boone Librarian Wins ISLMA's Upstart Award**

The purpose of the Illinois School Library Media Association's Upstart award is to recognize annually a school library media center's achievement in planning and implementing an innovative or creative event or service which has made a measurable positive impact on its users. The award encourages innovation by asking applicants to highlight the way the library used all of its resources to make this a successful event or service.

The ISLMA Awards Committee selected District Librarian Jane Lenser and the North Boone "Books on Wheels" program as the 2014 winner. According to ISLMA Grants and Awards chairperson, Bridget Demetriou, The ISLMA Grants and Awards committee felt that the "Books on Wheels" program is "an excellent example of a program that has a measurable, positive impact on its participants. I am excited that this innovative, creative program is receiving special recognition. This program certainly shows the power and the impact that summer library reading programs can have on building lifelong readers."



**Jane Lenser at ISLMA Awards Dinner**

The "Books on Wheels" program converted the NB activity bus into a bookmobile for the summer and it made stops at several locations each week during the summer. The program was mostly grant funded. One of the reasons for this program was that none of the North Boone students have access to a public library unless they purchase a library card. A graphic depiction of the lack of public library access in Northern Illinois is available from the [RAILS Library System](#).

North Boone Community Unit School District 200 serves approximately 1800 students in pre-school through high school in the Villages of Caledonia, Capron and Poplar Grove as well as the northern tier of unincorporated Boone County, Illinois. For future information, you can follow North Boone on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/NBCUSD200](http://www.twitter.com/NBCUSD200).