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PBS Wisconsin Announces Alison Loewen as Part of 2023 Early Learning Champions Program

Local Youth Services Librarian Recognized by PBS Wisconsin as a Leader in the Sheboygan Early Education Community

PBS Wisconsin announced Alison Loewen from the Mead Public Library as one of the 14 early education professionals named to the 2023 honorees of the PBS KIDS Early Learning Champions program. The awards, established in 2018, recognize and celebrate passionate educators who work with the nation's youngest students, from infants to second graders. Through the Early Learning Champions program, PBS KIDS and local PBS stations, including PBS Wisconsin, surround educators with professional learning and networking opportunities.

PBS Wisconsin Associate Director for Education Engagement, Jen Kobylecky shares, "Alison exemplifies the kindness and compassion we see modeled in so many of the wonderful PBS KIDS shows. She's an inspiration to our team and to other librarians across Wisconsin. We're delighted to welcome her into this role!"

Alison Loewen was selected for her deep commitment to fostering joyful, creative, and playful learning opportunities in library programming.

The PBS KIDS Early Learning Champions program, which has recognized 52 passionate educators of young children since its inception, including this year's honorees, includes various early learning educators, including Pre-K and special education teachers; childcare center owners and directors; librarians and family literacy specialists; community and parent educators; and school counselors. The program represents the diverse community impacting young learners today. Supported by the CPB-PBS Ready To Learn Initiative, this year's cohort will work on national co-design projects, such as professional development resources for educators, and everyday learning resources for families while also supporting [Learning Neighborhood](#) work across the country.

PBS KIDS and local PBS stations will also provide support in skill-building within the classroom, in-person and at-home, while encouraging these professionals to seek out their own personal and professional trajectories. These Early Learning Champions will also connect with education networks across the nation, and further their commitments to their community's families, education officials, and administrators through the utilization of PBS KIDS and local PBS stations tools and resources.

A full list of the 2023 PBS KIDS Early Learning Champions can be found [here](#).



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