

Wednesday, April 8

8:30-9:30AM Concurrent Sessions

A1. Breakfast Book Clubs and More: Drawing Teens into the School Library—Crystal Giles-School

Room 210 (.1 CEU)

A2. Teen Book Fair: Engaging Teens in Collection Development—Raven Spizale, Alicia Schwarzenbach, and John Cavalier – Programming, Public Libraries

Room 214 (.1 CEU)

A3. Better Together: The Power of Partnership—Meridith Wulff and Erica Brady – Programming, Public

Room 216 (.1 CEU)

A4. Once Upon a Career: Building Dreams Through Storytime—Alexis Reed – Storytelling

Room 218 A (.1 CEU)

A5. Engaging Student Curiosity and AI to Strengthen Literacy Skills – Jo Watson Hackl – School

Room 218B

9:45-10:45 AM Concurrent Sessions

B1. Bibliotherapy in Your Elementary Library—Angela Mullins – School

Room 210 (.1 CEU)

B2. Rolling into Schools: Creative Ways to Bring the Library to Students—Ethan Glenn and Jody Ridgeway-- Community Outreach

Room 214 (.1 CEU)

B3. Are They Older Than You Think They Are? Is Popular Young Adult Literature Aging Up?—Ally Watkins – Young adult literature

Room 216 (.1 CEU)

B4. Word Play: Making Words Work—Leslie Hebert Helakoski – Storytelling

Room 218 A (.1 CEU)

B5. Andi's Life with Animals: Partnering with Libraries to Promote the Appreciation of All Creatures and the Love of Reading—Andi Lehman- Programming, public

Room 218 B (.1 CEU)

11:00AM Welcome Session

TCC Ballrooms

Noon-1:30PM Coleen Salley Luncheon with Molly Idle

TCC Ballrooms (.1 CEU)

1:45-2:45 Keynote Session, Don Tate

TCC Ballrooms (.1 CEU)

3-4PM Concurrent Sessions

C1. For the Love of Language- Pat Austin and Kalpana Saxena-- School Libraries
Room 218 B (.1 CEU)

C2. Exploring the Magnolia Book Awards, Mississippi's Children's Choice Award—Wendy
Daughdrill – School, Public
Room 214 (.1 CEU)

C3. Miniature Worlds and Storytelling: Creating Dioramas for Picture Books—Nancy So Miller
– Storytelling
Room 216 (.1 CEU)

C4. After School Storytimes: Planning Storytimes for Elementary-Age Children—Lauren Adams
and Megan Lindsay – Programming/Public
Room 218 A (.1 CEU)

C5. Title TBA—Mississippi Library Commission
Room 210 (.1 CEU)

3-4 PM Autographing

4:15-5:30PM de Grummond Lecture, John Green
Bennett Auditorium (.1 CEU)

Thursday, April 9

8-8:45AM SLIS Breakfast Social

9-10AM Keynote session, Ben Clanton
TCC Ballrooms (.1 CEU)

10:15-11:15AM Medallion Session with Meg Medina
TCC Ballrooms (.1 CEU)

11:30AM-1 PM Ezra Jack Keats Award Luncheon
TCC Ballrooms (.1 CEU)

1:15-2:15PM Ezra Jack Keats Panel
TCC Ballrooms (.1 CEU)

2:30-4PM Autographing

3-4PM Concurrent Sessions

D1. Puppet Camp 101: A Hands On Intro for Librarians—Nancy Opalko, Erica Brady, and Meridith Wulff – Programming, Public

Room 210 (.1 CEU)

D2. Reading the Art in Picture Books: Exploring the Interplay of Text and Illustrations—Heidi Hammond and Gail Nordstrom-- Visual Literacy

Room 214 (.1 CEU)

D3. Out of the Nursery Rhymes—Ginger Davis – Programming, STEAM

Room 218 A (.1 CEU)

D4. Rolling for Literacy: Using Dungeons & Dragons to Build Reading, Writing, and Communication Skills in the Library—Amanda Hope IZard– School/Public

Room 218 B (.1 CEU)

D5. Community Building Through the Humanities: How the Mississippi Humanities Council Can Support Libraries—Katie Molpus—Community Outreach, Public, School

Room 216 (.1 CEU)

3-4:30PM *The Librarians* Film Screening

TCC Ballrooms

Friday, April 10

9-10 AM Keynote session, Lee Ostertag

TCC Ballrooms (.1 CEU)

10:15-11:30AM Autographing

10:30-11:30AM Concurrent Sessions

E1. Out from the Margins: Elevating Diverse Stories in Nonfiction for Youth—Joi Mahand – Nonfiction

Room 216 (.1 CEU)

E2. Colorful Connections: Exploring Non-Destructive Art—Will Hillenbrand – Other

Room 218 A (.1 CEU)

E3. Leveling Up: Harnessing the Power of Video Games in Library Spaces—Beth Shamley – Programming, Public

Room 214 (.1 CEU)

E4. Behind the Scenes with the Newbery and Caldecott: Perspectives from Two Recent Committee Chairs- Ramona Caponegro and Hanna Lee-- Booktalks/best new books

Room 210 (.1 CEU)

Noon-1:30PM – SLIS lecture luncheon, Amanda Jones

TCC Ballrooms (.1 CEU)

1:45-2:45PM Concurrent Sessions

F1. Shelf Care and Brainstorms: Library Think Tank –Ethan Glenn and Kandice Evans--
Programming, Public

Room 216 (.1 CEU)

F2. AI in Action: A Practical Guide for Teaching and Research—Dawn Zimmerer and Naomi
Hurtienne Magola – Social Media/technology

Room 218 B (.1 CEU)

F3. Crafting Magic on a Shoestring: Budget-Friendly Ideas for SLP 26—Dee Hare and Leigh
Hood – Programming, Public

Room 214 (.1 CEU)

F4. Beyond the Library Walls: Creative and Strategic Outreach that Builds Community—Erica
White – Community Outreach

Room 210 (.1 CEU)

3-4PM Concurrent Sessions

G1. Genrefication and Dynamic Shelving for Beginners—Melanie Walker – School

Room 210 (.1 CEU)

G2. Show me the Money\$!- Kay Hones - School/public

Room 216 (.1 CEU)

G3. Tales and Tunes in Tandem: Enriching Early Literacy Through Music in Storytime—Lauren
Landry-Jones – Programming/Public

Room 218 A (.1 CEU)