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### ADVOCATE | COLLABORATE | TEACH AISLE A.C.T. 2022 AISLE Conference, Thursday-Saturday, November 3-5, 2022

### PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

DEBORAH ALTHOFF WILL, PRESIDENT

1'm optimistic about the upcoming school year, even though I see the obstacles before me. How can I maintain my positive spirit in the face of the challenges our profession is facing? I can remain hopeful because I've seen the work of the 2022 Conference Committee. I can see the strength in the collaborative spirit on this committee, and this positivity is reflected in the incredible conference they have planned at Tinley Park on November 3–5.

The challenges of being a school librarian have grown exponentially within the last few years. Our profession has faced funding cuts, *(continued next page)*  ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS SCHOOL LIBRARY EDUCATORS

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*(continued from previous page)* staffing shortages, increased responsibilities and intellectual freedom challenges. When faced with situations that boggle my mind and pierce my spirit, the professional network I have found with AISLE renews my commitment to my students and to my school library.

This year's conference committee has worked tirelessly to provide the best possible professional development for school library educators. The vision of Conference 2022 has been clear from the beginning: to provide each attendee with a professional development opportunity that provides them the tools and support they need to be successful in their schools. This vision has been at the forefront of every decision made during our conference planning. The outstanding conference chairs, Joanna Marek and Christine Cannata, developed the conference theme months ago, identifying core values and centering sessions and speakers around our theme: Advocate. Collaborate. Teach.

Each time I've had the privilege of meeting with members of our planning committee, they have shown insight and genuine care for one another and for the professionals they hope to serve at this year's conference. Every detail has been examined through the lens of how our organization can support members attending this conference.

Every member of the Conference 2022 Planning Committee deserves special recognition for stepping up to serve our organization at a time when asking anyone to do "one more thing" was more than a small favor to ask. Every member of this team is an exceptional librarian whose commitment to one another, to our organization, and to our profession is inspiring.

We hope that you will join us at this event in Tinley Park on November 3-5, 2022. At a time when school librarians need support from one another the most, I hope you will take the time to surround yourself with the positive energy, enthusiasm, commitment and kindness that this conference promises to bring us all.

#### THE AISLE ADVOCATE

### A WELCOME FROM THE CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS

Advocate, **C**ollaborate, and **T**each. These are the core values of a school library media specialist.

Through celebrating the successes of the school library, making collection choices that support the learning community, purchasing comfortable seating to excite readers to sit and stay for a few minutes in the library, and speaking out to stress the importance of school librarians for all schools, we **advocate** for the position and the students we serve.

By saying "yes," seeking resources, thinking outside the box, partnering with the greater school community, and investing in technology and digital literacy tools, we **collaborate** for a stronger, more diverse, and inquiry-based library program.

When we have a strong knowledge of the curriculum, when we seek out the cross-curricular connections, when we co-teach with a student-centered approach, and when we model lifelong learning, thinking, reading, and problem-solving, we **teach** to ensure that our students are prepared for the jobs they will have when they grow up, some of which do not yet exist.

### ACT - COLLABORATE - TEACH

This special issue of the *AISLE Advocate* highlights the professional development opportunities available at the AISLE A.C.T. Conference at Tinley Park Conference Center, November 3-5, 2022. Our planning committee has worked for well over a year to create a professional development experience that will inspire, stretch, strengthen, and motivate you. The work of a school librarian is vitally important. The skills we bring to the school learning environment add value to the student learning experience.





Through curated sessions about information literacy, collection development, advocacy, budgeting, and curriculum, this conference will provide you with a variety of learning experiences that are unique to school librarians. In addition to sessions led by our Illinois school library colleagues, we also welcome authors to the conference including Jennifer Lynn Barnes, Kelly Yang, and Dan Gemeinhart, to name a few.

The AISLE A.C.T. Conference will also **A**ffirm, **C**elebrate, and **T**hank school librarians. Day in and day out, we work to support the learning community in our schools and beyond. We are stronger when we work together and when we collectively support school library programs in Illinois.

We invite you to share this issue of *AISLE Advocate* far and wide with your colleagues both in and out of the school library. Saturday's programming is specifically designed with collaboration in mind. Bring a colleague or two from your district, public library system, or professional network.

Visit **<u>https://bit.ly/aisleact</u>** regularly to see conference announcements and updates. Follow along on AISLE's social media accounts for more information.

We welcome you to our AISLE A.C.T. Conference and look forward to learning with you.

Joanna Marek and Christine Cannata 2022 AISLE Conference Co-Chairs <u>conchairnorth@aisled.org</u> ADVOCATE | COLLABORATE | TEACH

AISLE A.C.T.

2022 AISLE Conference, Thursday-Saturday, November 3-5, 2022, at the Tinley Park Convention Center

### REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

2022 AISLE Conference Fees November 3-5, 2022 Tinley Park Convention Center

Thursday, November 3				
Pre-Conference Seminars	One Rate			
One (AM or PM)	\$90			
Two (AM & PM)	\$150			
Friday, November 4				
Friday Single Day Registration	Early Bird 9/23/22	Regular 10/21/22	Onsite 10/22/22	
Member	\$200	\$230	\$260	
Retired/Student	\$160	\$160	\$160	
Non-Member includes membership	\$275	\$305	\$335	
Saturday, November 5				
Saturday Single Day Registration	Early Bird 9/23/22	Regular 10/21/22	Onsite 10/22/22	
Member	\$160	\$160	\$160	
Retired/Student	\$130	\$130	\$130	
Collaborative Partner (DOES NOT includes membership) Colleagues in and out of the school library - teaching partners, public librarians, IATE, reading specialists, IRC, and library support staff	\$160	\$160	\$160	
Friday and Saturday, November 4-5				
Full Conference (Friday and Saturday)	Early Bird 9/23/22	Regular 10/21/22	<b>Onsite</b> 10/22/22	
Member	\$230	\$260	\$290	
Retired/Student	\$190	\$190	\$190	
Non-Member includes membership	\$305	\$335	\$365	

### Register at https://bit.ly/aisleact

### HOTEL INFORMATION

Make your reservation at the EVEN Hotel Chicago-Tinley Park today! The conference group rate is \$145/night for a standard room. You must make your reservation by October 12, 2022 in order to receive the conference rate.



Reserve online at <u>https://bit.ly/aisleacthotel</u>. Select "Book Now" at the top of the screen and choose the dates of the conference. When selecting the room type, the rate should reflect the group rate (no group code needed).

Or reserve by phone by calling **708-444-1100** and referencing the AISLE conference or the group code, **AIS.** 

Early Bird Conference Rates available through 9/23

Hotel Conference Rates available through 10/12

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### **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

≻	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	PRE-CONFERENCE MORNING SEMINAR
THURSDAY	1:30 PM - 4:30 PM	PRE-CONFERENCE AFTERNOON SEMINAR
	6:30 PM	GAME ON! Get your game on with a relaxing and fun conference kick-off game night! Ball Park snacks - hot dogs, nachos, iced tea & lemonade included. Registration required.
FRIDAY	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	GENERAL SESSION WITH JENNIFER LYNN BARNES - THE PSYCHOLOGY OF FICTION
	9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	CONCURRENT SESSION 1
	9:45 AM - 10:15 AM	NON-CONFLICT EXHIBIT TIME
	10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	CONCURRENT SESSION 2
	11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	LUNCH & AISLE ANNUAL MEETING - Baked potato bar lunch included with registration fee.
	12:15 PM - 1:00 PM	NON-CONFLICT EXHIBIT TIME
	1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	CONCURRENT SESSION 3
	2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	CONCURRENT SESSION 4
	2:45 PM - 3:30 PM	NON-CONFLICT EXHIBIT TIME & SNACK BREAK
	3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	GENERAL SESSION WITH KELLY YANG - WHAT LIBRARIES MEAN TO ME
	5:30 PM	RECEPTIONS
	6:30 PM	AWARDS BANQUET – Tickets available for purchase
SATURDAY	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	GENERAL SESSION WITH PHIL BILDNER – WE ARE NOT CONTROVERSIAL, WE ARE NOT INAPPROPRIATE
	9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	CONCURRENT SESSION 5
	10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	CONCURRENT SESSION 6
	11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	CONCURRENT SESSION 7
	11:45 AM - 1:00 PM	GENERAL SESSION WITH DAN GEMEINHART - FOR THE LOVE OF LIBRARIES
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### THURSDAY'S PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

MORNING SESSION 9:00AM - 12:00PM

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#### ACT: ACQUIRE COMICS TODAY! T

Mariela Siegert & Mary Hart

#### Middle School, High School

Not sure how to start your comics collection for your library? Comics, such as Batman or Avengers seem to be difficult to find, track, and catalog. Learn about comics and how they differ from graphic novels, how to keep track of storyline runs, catalog for ease of student use, and get information on what is coming out in the future.

#### BEST BOOKS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL T

Jonathan Hunt

#### Middle School

Join Jonathan Hunt, Coordinator of Library Media Services at the San Diego County Office of Education, reviewer for Horn Book, and contributor to School Library Journal, as he leads participants in an examination of the best books published recently for middle school aged readers. Participants will leave the session with a robust collection of featured titles and ideas.

#### BEYOND BINS: RETHINKING ELEMENTARY LIBRARY ORGANIZATION

Kelly Jahng

Elementary School

Genrefying, Ditching Dewey, Browsing Bins, and Book Neighborhoods....what should we make of it all? How do we create kid-friendly spaces while making sure our students learn library skills that transfer beyond the walls of our schools? Hear about the ways in which I've transformed sections of my own library including categorizing picture books, genrefying fiction, creating purposeful early reader sections, and simplifying Dewey. Learn about helpful tools to make the work easier, and begin planning your own transformation.

#### LIBRARIAN FOR MULTIPLE SCHOOLS

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Dawn Brunschon, Don Hamerly, Megan Rasmussen *All Grades* 

Do you manage more than one school? Join us as we dig into our world of juggling multiple campuses, library assistants, administrators, budgets and expectations. In this session we will share our daily struggles, what's working, thoughts to make improvements in our situations, and a community of support.

#### OPTIMIZING GROUPS THROUGH PLAY C

Jeanné Aken

All Grades

We all work in teams and want our students to work well in groups together. In this hands-on workshop you will experience several activities that highlight some typical team pitfalls, and how to begin to move teams you are on and teams you lead to better functioning. This team-building workshop moves beyond icebreakers to truly build highly effective teams. You will leave with several experiences that you can take with you!

#### SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOK CHALLENGES

ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom

All Grades

A representative from the American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom will share an overview of challenges taking place for school librarians and educators, strategies for navigating a challenge, and practical scenarios for walking through a potential materials challenge at your school.

#### USING CANVA FOR ADVOCACY & INSTRUCTION IN YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY A

Eric Bodwell

All Grades

Learn to use Canva, a free and easy to use web app, to design advocacy and instructional materials for your school library program. In this hands-on session, you will learn and apply research backed graphic design and learning principles to make ready to use materials for your program.

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AFTERNOON SESSION 1:00PM - 4:00PM

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TEACH

#### BEST BOOKS FOR ELEMENTARY T

John Schumaker

Middle School, High School

Join Mr. Schu, author of *This Is A School* and *The Gift of Story: Exploring the Affective Side of the Reading Life* and renowned advocate for children's books, as he shares recommended books for elementary age readers.

#### BEST BOOKS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Jonathan Hunt

High School

Join Jonathan Hunt, Coordinator of Library Media Services at the San Diego County Office of Education, reviewer for Horn Book, and contributor to School Library Journal, as he leads participants in an examination of the best books published recently for high school readers. Participants will leave the session with a robust collection of featured titles and ideas.

#### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS WITH EMPOWERED READERS

Stephanie Walker and Lissa Blake

Elementary School

Please join us to dive deeper into ideas we have found to reach all learners and empower student readers. These tools will not only boost energy and excitement around learning, but also engage the entire school community with some special projects! We will work together to spark ideas, share best practices and how to apply these ideas in either a K-2 or 3-5 level. We will focus on how to reinvent your research with virtual reality, connect with your whole school community with fun school projects, and learn about some great cross curricular tech tools!

#### GAMING IN LIBRARIES T

Rebecca Strang

All Grades

Educators will learn about the importance of play and benefits of tabletop games, as well as receive resources and example lesson plans that can be implemented in the library and/or classroom.

#### LET LEARNING GROW WITH STEM, BOOKS, AND AGRICULTURE

Kevin Daugherty and Chris Wyant *All Grades* 

Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom has a nationwide reputation for connecting great books about agriculture with content area classrooms and teachers at all grade levels. Join the IAITC team as they share bushels of STEM lessons and activities that pair with some of their favorite new books. This interactive and lively session will leave attendees with acres of book recommendations, lesson ideas, and bulletin board themes to engage students during their next library visit.

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# Meet our A.C.T. Featured Presenters



John Schumacher Thursday



Kelly Yang <sub>Friday</sub>



Rena Barron <sub>Friday</sub>



Phil Bildner <sub>Saturday</sub>



Jonathan Hunt Thursday & Friday



Michael Leali Saturday



Lindsay Currie Saturday



Laurie Keller 2022 Monarch Award Friday



Dan Gemeinhart 2022 Rebecca Caudill Award Friday & Saturday



Jennifer Lynn Barnes 2022 Lincoln Award Friday

Click above or visit <u>bit.ly/aisleact</u> for author bios & program details.

Authors will be available to sign books during specified times. A schedule and details will be shared in October. **20 SEL ACTIVITIES FOR 20 MONARCH TITLES** Christie Chandler-Stahl, Greeley Elementary School

BEYOND A DIVERSITY AUDIT: HOW TO DEVELOP A DIVERSE AND CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE COLLECTION IN THIS AGE OF BOOK BANNING Nicole Coover-Thompson, Maine West High School

BLUESTEM CHALLENGES: CONNECTING LITERATURE TO STREAM LEARNING USING OUR STATE BLUESTEM BOOK AWARD NOMINEES Kristy Gilbert, High Point School

**BUTLER CHILDREN'S LITERATURE CENTER—RESEARCH AND REVIEW RESOURCES** Jennifer Clemons, Dominican University, School of Information Studies

**BY THE NUMBERS: SCHOOL LIBRARY ADVOCACY THROUGH DATA** Grant Halter, Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS)

CHALLENGES: ADVOCATE FOR INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM Allison Bava, Downers Grove North High School

**COLLABORATION OUTSIDE THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT** Amy Phillips, Riverside Brookfield High School

**CREATE WITH CANVA IN THE LIBRARY!** Richelle (Ricki) Steinmetz, Pleasantdale District 107

**CREATING A 360-DEGREE VIRTUAL LIBRARY SPACE** Andrea Trudeau, Alan B. Shepard Middle School

**CROSS-POLLINATE YOUR LIBRARY: THE BUZZ ON COLLABORATING WITH ILLINOIS AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM** Chris Wyantt, Illinois Farm Bureau

**DIVERSITY ISSUES OF SCHOOL LIBRARY COLLECTIONS** Yijun Gao, Dominican University, School of Information Studies

**ENGAGING STUDENTS IN THE LIBRARY** Aimee Miller, Batavia High School

**EVEN MORE FUN WAYS TO ENGAGE STUDENTS IN THE LIBRARY** Jennifer Bromann-Bender, Lincoln Way West High School

**EXPLORING THE ENGINEERING PROCESS IN YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY** Lynette Bromiel, The Joseph Sears School

FIELD MUSEUM AND YOU! Erin Carr, Adler Park School

FINDING "THEIR" BOOK: ENCOURAGING STUDENT READING THROUGH BOOK TASTINGS AND READING RESUMES Ashley Darling, Peacock Middle School

FREE TECHNOLOGY TOOLS TO SUPPORT MULTIPLE MEANS OF REPRESENTATION Jennifer Skalitzky, Infinitec UCP-Seguin

**GEEK OUT @ YOUR LIBRARY** Wamecca Rodriguez, Yorkville Middle School **HOW ESCAPE ROOMS CAN REENERGIZE YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY** Eileen Wholley, Oak Lawn Community High School

INCREASE YOUR BOOK BUDGET: HOW TO ADVOCATE FOR THE MONEY YOU NEED (AND YOUR STUDENT'S DESERVE)! Andrea Perrin, Woodland Middle School

**LEADING FROM THE HEART IN A SCHOOL LIBRARY** Andrea Trudeau, Alan B. Shepard Middle School

**LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST NETWORKING MEETING** Holly Kelly, Regional Educational Technology Coordinator

MIS/DISINFORMATION IN MATH AND SCIENCE Matthew Stuczynski, New Trier High School

**POETRY ON STAGE IN YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY** Eric Bodwell, Nequa Valley High School

QUICK AND EASY ELEMENTARY LESSONS-- PART DEUX (OR MORE QUICK AND EASY ELEMENTARY LIBRARY LESSONS) Tonya Tjarks, Melzer Elementary School

**READERS' CHOICE & FEED YOUR NEED GRANT OPPORTUNITIES** LBSS Board Member

SMARTER STRATEGIES FOR ONLINE RESEARCH John Hayward, Naperville Central High School

**SOLO DISTRICT LIBRARIANS IN ACTION** Don Hamerly, Dominican University, School of Information Studies

STUDENT LIBRARY SQUADS Kelly Jahng, South Park Elementary School

**SUPPORT POSITIVE LITERACY OUTCOMES WITH LARGE PRINT** Tasha Squires, O'Neill Middle School

TACKLING WEEDING AND REVITALIZING YOUR COLLECTION Amy Phillips, Riverside Brookfield High School

TIPS AND TRICKS OF THE TRADE Marina Kemp, George Washington School

TOPIC/GENRE ORGANIZED EVERYONE BOOK SECTION: INDEPENDENT BOOK SELECTION FOR PRIMARY GRADES Cathy Nestlinger, Seventh Avenue School

USING TIKTOK IN THE MODERN LIBRARY Clare Wrobel, Downers Grove North High School Library

YOU HAVE A DIVERSE LIBRARY COLLECTION; NOW HOW DO YOU TEACH WITH IT? April Eichmiller, Willowbrook School The programming on Saturday is specifically designed with collaboration in mind. We invite you to share this issue of AISLE Advocate far and wide with your colleagues both in and out of the school library. Bring a colleague or two from your school district, public library system, or professional network.

### AVOIDERS, MARTYRS, OR ACHIEVERS: MARKETING AND ADVOCATING FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES IN A POLITICALLY DIVIDED ILLINOIS

Bill Crowley, School of Information Studies, Dominican University

**BUTLER CHILDREN'S LITERATURE CENTER-RESEARCH AND REVIEW RESOURCES** Jennifer Clemons, Butler Children's Literature Center

**FOR THE LOVE OF LIBARIES** Dan Gemeinhart, Author

**GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE BLUESTEM AWARD** Christine Hwang, Vernon Area Public Library

HOSTING THE 2023 LINCOLN AWARD: ILLINOIS TEEN READERS' CHOICE AWARD Ann Marie Jinkins, Rochelle Township High School

INFUSING YA FICTION INTO THE SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSROOM Amy Bland, Prairie Ridge High School

K-8 FALL FAVORITES Lorie Barber, Anderson's Bookshop

LAUGH(TURE) AND LITERATURE ACROSS THE CURRICULUM Boomer Crotty, Joliet Junior College (Retired)

LGBTQ+ REPRESENTATION IN KIDS' & YA LIT Author Panel: Phil Bildner & Michael Leali

**LIBRARIANS 4 LITERACY: ISAIL 22 UPDATE** Sia Paganis, Glenside Middle School

LIBRARYCON AND STORYTELLING Dawn Brunschon, Belvidere CUSD 100

**MEET THE 2023 MONARCHS** Monarch Committee member

MULTIPLE SCHOOLS, ONE LIBRARIAN Dawn Brunschon, Belvidere CUSD 100

MUSEABLES: PAIRING CONTEMPORARY, DIVERSE, AND BRAND NEW YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE WITH BOOKS COMMONLY USED IN THE CLASSROOM BY TEACHERS Wendy Streit, Romeoville High School

**N.W. HARRIS LEARNING COLLECTION** Alejandra Varley, The Field Museum

**PROVING YOUR (LIBRARY'S) WORTH: AKA SHAMELESS SELF PROMOTION** Leah Gregory, School Library Membership Coordinator, Illinois Heartland Library System

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STREAM NIGHT SUCCESS!: COLLABORATING FOR A MAGICAL FAMILY MAKER EXPERIENCE Karen Doyle, Komarek School

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SUPERHERO MYTH: HELPING STUDENTS SEE THEMSELVES AS HEROES AS THEIR OWN STORIES Rena Barron, Author

**SUPPORT POSITIVE LITERACY OUTCOMES WITH LARGE PRINT** Tasha Squires, O'Neill Middle School

**THE JOURNEY OF CREATING OUR LIBRARY** Todd Freer, East Elementary School

THE ONE WHERE THEY COLLABORATE FOR 29 YEARS...AND WIND UP IN A MINE SHAFT Ann Marie Jinkins, Rochelle Township High School

**USING ROBOTS AND CODING TO TEACH RESEARCH SKILLS** Ata Bird, Stephen Decatur Middle School

**WE ARE NOT CONTROVERSIAL, WE ARE NOT INAPPROPRIATE** Phil Bildner, Author

WE CAN BORROW THAT FOR YOU!: SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARY RESOURCE SHARING MADE SIMPLE Gail Meyer, Thornton Fractional South High School

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO CATALOG ETHICALLY? Karen Snow, Dominican University, School of Information Studies

WHY SPOOKY STORIES Lindsay Currie, Author

**WORKING WITH ELLS IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY** Sofia Huitron, Grove Junior High School

### **VISIT OUR EXHIBITORS**

#### The Exhibit Hall will be open Friday, November 4, 7:30 AM - 4:45 PM.

