

# Viva la Reading Revolution!

**MONDAY, November 23, 2015**  
**Ballrooms A & B**

7:15 - 8:00	Registration	
8:00 - 8:05	<b>WELCOME</b> Daria Plumb (@getemreading)	2015 ALAN President
8:05 - 8:35	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKERS</b>	
Participants:	<b>Jandy Nelson</b> (@jandynelson) <b>Kwame Alexander</b> (@kwamealexander)	Courtesy of Penguin Young Readers Group Courtesy of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Moderator:	Daria Plumb (@getemreading)	Central Grade School, Traverse City, MI
8:35 - 9:05	<b>PUSHING FOR A REVOLUTION IN PUBLISHING: WHY WE NEED DIVERSE YA BOOKS</b>	
Participants:	<b>Margarita Engle</b> <b>Meg Medina</b> (@Meg_Medina) <b>Lyn Miller-Lachmann</b> (@LMillerLachmann_) <b>Hannah Moskowitz</b> (@hannahmosk) <b>Adam Silvera</b> (@AdamSilvera)	Courtesy of Simon & Schuster, Inc. Courtesy of Candlewick Press Courtesy of Running Press Courtesy of Chronicle Books Courtesy of Soho Press
Moderator:	Ricki Ginsberg (@ReadwithPassion)	University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
9:05 - 9:25	<b>IN CONVERSATION</b>	
Participants:	<b>Matt de la Peña</b> (@mattdelapena) <b>Gene Luen Yang</b> (@geneluenyang)	Courtesy of Random House Children's Books Courtesy of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group
Moderator:	Dani King	University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
9:25 - 9:50	<b>REAL RELUCTANT READERS SPEAK</b>	
Participants:	<b>Patrick Jones</b> (@PatrickJonesYA) Real Reluctant Readers (TBA)	Courtesy of Lerner Publishing Group
9:50 - 10:00	<b>INDIVIDUAL SPEAKER</b>	
Participant:	<b>Katherine Applegate</b> (@kaaauthor)	Courtesy of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group
Moderator:	Jillian Heise	Indian Community School of Milwaukee, Franklin, WI
<b>10:00 - 10:25</b>	<b>(DANCE) BREAK with DJTanner!</b> <i>The ALAN dance break is inspired by Sarah Dessen's Along for the Ride</i>	
10:25 - 10:35	<b>INDIVIDUAL SPEAKER</b>	
Participant:	<b>Jason Reynolds</b> (@JasonReynolds83)	Courtesy of Simon & Schuster, Inc.
Moderator:	Wendy Glenn (@PickHappiness)	University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
10:35 - 11:00	<b>WHODUNNIT?</b>	
Participants:	<b>Jonathan Auxier</b> (@JonathanAuxier) <b>Jennifer Donnelly</b> (@JenWritesBooks) <b>William Ritter</b> (@Willothewords) <b>Laura Ruby</b> (@thatlauraruby)	Courtesy of Abrams Books Courtesy of Random House Children's Books Courtesy of Algonquin Young Readers Courtesy of HarperCollins Children's Books
Moderator:	cj Bott	Educational Consultant, Solon, OH
11:00 - 11:10	<b>INDIVIDUAL SPEAKER</b>	
Participant:	<b>Jack Gantos</b> (@JackgantoS)	Courtesy of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group
Moderator:	Kelli Venier	Monroe County Library System, Monroe, MI
11:10 - 11:20	<b>TAR EDITORS AWARD FOR COLUMN EXCELLENCE AND NILSEN-DONELSON AWARD PRESENTATION</b> Presented by Wendy Glenn, Ricki Ginsberg, and Danielle King, Editors of <i>The ALAN Review</i> and Crag Hill, Nilsen-Donelson Award Chair	

11:20 - 12:15

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

SESSION 1  
Room 101A

**A REVOLUTION IN LGBTQ BOOKS**

**Michael Cart**

*Booklist* Magazine columnist, Columbus, IN

**Dr. Christine Jenkins**

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL

AUDIENCE: Secondary; College Teachers

KEYWORDS: LGBTQ Literature; Young Adult; Booktalks; Criteria

SESSION 2  
Room 101B

**BUILDING READING COMMUNITIES IN THE CLASSROOM**

**Kim Arroyo**

Gavit Middle School, Hammond, IN

**Mark Letcher**

Lewis University, Romeoville, IL

**Jannette Vehrs-Snelson**

Griffith Middle/High School, Griffith, IN

**Nick Trottier**

Gavit Middle/High School, Hammond, IN

AUDIENCE: Teachers (all levels); Collegiate Faculty; Media Specialists

KEYWORDS: Reading Culture; Community; Engagement; Choice Reading

SESSION 3  
Room 101C

**FINDING FUNDING TO FUEL OUR PASSION FOR TEACHING AND READING**

**Cassie Cox**

Two Rivers High School, Ogden, UT

AUDIENCE: Classroom Teachers (all levels); Librarians; Administrators

KEYWORDS: Grants; Books; Authors; Libraries

SESSION 4  
Room 101D

**RADICAL CATALOGING & BOOKS ON WHEELS: ORGANIZING BY GENRE & SATELLITE CLASSROOM LIBRARIES**

**Sarah Ressler Wright** (@vocabgal)

Rutherford B. Hayes High School, Delaware, OH

AUDIENCE: Classroom Teachers & Librarians; Middle and High School

KEYWORDS: Organize Fiction by Genre; Partnerships; English Teachers and School Librarians; Classroom Access to Library Books

SESSION 5  
Room 101E

**READING THROUGH THE RHETORIC: USING YA LITERATURE AS A CRITICAL LENS**

**Cynthia Minnich**

Upper Dauphin Area High School, Millersburg, PA

**Sarah Andersen**

Fenton Senior High, Fenton, MI

**Sarah Darer Littman**

Scholastic Books, Cos Cob, CT

AUDIENCE: Middle School & High School Teachers & Librarians

KEYWORDS: Rhetoric; Critical Reading; YA Literature; Media Literacy

SESSION 6  
Room 101F

**REEL READING: USING FILM AS A BRIDGE INTO PRINT LITERACY**

**Timothy Shea**

Millersville University, Millersburg, PA

AUDIENCE: Secondary; Ages 12 – 20

KEYWORDS: Film & Media Literacy; YA Films; TV; Literary Connections

SESSION 7  
Room 101G

**REVOLUTIONARY WAYS OF TEACHING YOUNG ADULT NOVELS: ADAPTATION FOR PERFORMANCE**

**Toby Emert**

Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA

**Julia Watts**

Young Adult Author, Knoxville, TN

AUDIENCE: Middle, Secondary, College

KEYWORDS: Drama; Partnering with YA Authors; LGBTQ Literature; Arts-based Instruction

SESSION 8  
Room 101H

**TIME WELL SPENT IN GRAPHIC NOVEL READING COMPREHENSION**

**Laura Jiménez**

Boston University, Boston, MA

AUDIENCE: Upper Elementary, Middle and High School; ELL

KEYWORDS: Graphic Novels; Time-on-task; Reading Comprehension; Sense-making

SESSION 9  
Room 101I

**TO BAN OR NOT TO BAN—LEVERAGING CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CENSORSHIP TO INCREASE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

**Nicole Amato**

Pritzker College Prep High School, Chicago, IL

**Amanda Meyers**

Pritzker College Prep High School, Chicago, IL

AUDIENCE: Secondary; Ages 12-20

KEYWORDS: Censorship; YA lit; Argumentative Writing; Independent Reading

SESSION 10 Room 101J	<b>YA [SPORTS] LIT AS A VEHICLE TO PROMOTE TEEN READING</b> <b>Alan Brown</b> <b>Wake Forest Students (TBA)</b> AUDIENCE: Middle School; High School KEYWORDS: Sports; Popular Culture; Out-of-school Literacies; After-School Program	Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC
<b>12:15 - 1:10</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
1:10 - 1:30 Participants: Moderator:	<b>IN CONVERSATION</b> <b>AS King</b> (@AS_King) <b>Andrew Smith</b> (@marburyjack) Amber Reed	Courtesy of Little, Brown and Company Courtesy of Penguin and Simon & Schuster Monroe County Library System, Monroe, MI
1:30 - 1:35	<b>BOOKTALKS</b>	
1:35 - 2:00 Participants: Moderator:	<b>NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH</b> <b>Winifred Conkling</b> <b>Nathan Hale</b> (@MrNathanHale) <b>Joseph Marshall, III</b> <b>Aija Mayrock</b> (@aijamayrock) Don Gallo	Courtesy of Algonquin Young Readers Courtesy of Abrams Books Courtesy of Abrams Books Courtesy of Scholastic, Inc. LitWeaver, Solon, OH
2:00 - 2:30 Participants: Moderator:	<b>FASCINATED WITH FANTASY</b> <b>Rae Carson</b> (@raecarson) <b>Susan Dennard</b> (@stdennard) <b>Tessa Elwood</b> (@tessaelwood) <b>Mary Pearson</b> (@marypearson) <b>Catherynne M. Valente</b> (@catvalente) Sarah Andersen	Courtesy of HarperCollins Children's Books Courtesy of Tor Teen Courtesy of Running Press Courtesy of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group Courtesy of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group Fenton Senior High, Fenton, MI
2:30 - 2:40 Participant: Moderator:	<b>INDIVIDUAL SPEAKER</b> <b>Patrick Ness</b> (@Patrick_Ness) Mary Arnold	Courtesy of HarperCollins Children's Books Cuyahoga County Public Library, Cleveland OH
<b>2:40 - 2:55</b>	<b>(DANCE) BREAK with DJTanner!</b>	
2:55 - 3:25 Participants: Moderator:	<b>REAL TOUGH TOPICS FOR REAL TEENS</b> <b>Ellen Hopkins</b> (@ellenhopkinsya) <b>J. J. Johnson</b> (@JJJohnsonAuthor) <b>Emery Lord</b> (@emerylord) <b>Carrie Mesrobian</b> (@CarrieMesrobian) <b>Gary D. Schmidt</b> Barb Dean (@barb_bookbytes)	Courtesy of Simon & Schuster, Inc. Courtesy of Peachtree Publishers Courtesy of Bloomsbury Children's Books Courtesy of HarperCollins Children's Books Courtesy of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Teen Literature Advocate, Prince George, British Columbia
3:25 - 3:45 Participants: Moderator:	<b>IN CONVERSATION</b> <b>Craig Thompson</b> TBA Marge Ford	Courtesy of Scholastic, Inc.  Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH
3:45 - 4:10 Participants: Moderator:	<b>NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK</b> <b>Paul Greci</b> (@paulgreci) <b>Estelle Laure</b> (@starlaure) <b>Goldy Moldavski</b> (@goldywrites) <b>Leah Thomas</b> (@blunderkinder) <b>Nicola Yoon</b> (@NicolaYoon) Walter M. Mayes (@walterGMS)	Courtesy of Move Books Courtesy of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Courtesy of Scholastic, Inc. Courtesy of Bloomsbury Courtesy of Random House Children's Books The Girls' Middle School, Palo Alto, CA

4:10 - 4:25 **A LONG TIME AGO IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY...**  
Participants: **Alexandra Bracken** (@alexbracken) Courtesy of Disney Publishing Worldwide  
**Ian Doescher** (@iandoescher) Courtesy of Quirk Books  
**Claudia Gray** (@claudiagray) Courtesy of Disney Publishing Worldwide  
Moderator: Laura Nicosia (@lauranicosia) Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ

4:25 - 4:30 **BOOKTALKS: AMELIA ELIZABETH WALDEN AWARD WINNER AND FINALISTS**  
Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award Committee Members

4:30 - 5:00 **AMELIA ELIZABETH WALDEN AWARD WINNER AND FINALISTS**  
Participants: **AS King** (@AS\_King) Courtesy of Little, Brown and Company  
**Laurie Halse Anderson** (@halseanderson) Courtesy of Penguin Young Readers Group  
**Isabel Quintero** Courtesy of Cinco Puntos Press  
**Deborah Wiles** Courtesy of Scholastic, Inc.  
**Michael Williams** Courtesy of Little, Brown and Company  
Moderator: Lois Stover Marymount University, Arlington, VA

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**TUESDAY, November 24, 2015**  
**Ballrooms A & B**

- 8:00 - 8:05 **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
2015 ALAN President, Daria Plumb (@getemreading)
- 8:05 - 8:10 **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Karin Perry
- 8:10 - 8:35 **IN CONVERSATION**  
Participants: **Laurie Halse Anderson** (@halseanderson) Courtesy of Penguin Young Readers Group  
**Sharon Draper** (@sharonmdraper) Courtesy of Simon & Schuster, Inc.  
Moderator: Mark Letcher (@m\_letcher) Lewis University, Romeoville, IL
- 8:35 - 9:00 **GENRE B(L)ENDING: REVOLUTIONIZING FORM AND FUNCTION**  
Participants: **Kathleen Baldwin** (@KatBaldwin) Courtesy of Tor Teen  
**Martha Brockenbrough** (@mbrockenbrough) Courtesy of Scholastic, Inc.  
**Alan Gratz** (@AlanGratz) Courtesy of Tor Teen  
**Nova Ren Suma** (@novaren) Courtesy of Algonquin Young Readers  
Moderator: Laura Renzi West Chester University, West Chester, PA
- 9:00 - 9:25 **"SICK LIT": WHY KIDS NEED STORIES ABOUT DEATH AND GRIEVING**  
Participants: **Jesse Andrews** (@\_jesse\_andrews\_) Courtesy of Abrams Books  
**Shaun David Hutchinson** (@ShaunieDarko) Courtesy of Simon & Schuster, Inc.  
**Julie Murphy** (@andimJULIE) Courtesy of HarperCollins Children's Books  
**Jennifer Niven** (@jenniferniven) Courtesy of Random House Children's Books  
**Francisco X. Stork** Courtesy of Scholastic, Inc.  
Moderator: Barb Ward Washington State University, Pullman, WA
- 9:25 - 9:50 **IN CONVERSATION**  
Participants: **Michael Cart** *Booklist* Magazine columnist  
**David Levithan** (@loversdiction) Courtesy of Random House Children's Books  
**Will Walton** (@WillWalton8) Courtesy of Scholastic, Inc.  
Moderator: Teri Lesesne (@professornana) Sam Houston State Dept. of Library Science, Huntsville TX
- 9:50 - 10:15 **LEARNING FROM THE PAST**  
Participants: **Terry Hokenson** Courtesy of Namelos  
**Jennifer Nielsen** (@nielsenwriter) Courtesy of Scholastic, Inc.  
**Margi Preus** (@MargiPreus) Courtesy of Abrams Books  
**Rachel Urquhart** Courtesy of Little, Brown and Company  
Moderator: Diane Tuccillo Poudre River Public Library District, Fort Collins, CO
- 10:15 - 10:25 **INDIVIDUAL SPEAKER**  
Participants: **Ruta Sepetys** (@RutaSepetys) Courtesy of Penguin Young Readers Group  
Moderator: Rick Williams Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH
- 10:25 - 10:40 (DANCE) BREAK with DJTanner!**
- 10:40 - 11:05 **EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN**  
Participants: **Alex Flinn** (@Alex\_Flinn) Courtesy of HarperCollins Children's Books  
**A.G. Howard** (@aghowardwrites) Courtesy of Abrams Books  
**Samantha Mabry** (@samanthamabry) Courtesy of Algonquin Young Readers  
**Margaret Peterson Haddix** (@MPHaddix) Courtesy of Simon & Schuster

Moderators:	Joan Kaywell Paula Greathouse	University of South Florida, Tampa, FL Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, TN
11:05 - 11:30	<b>KEEPING 'EM ON THE EDGE OF THEIR SEATS</b>	
Participants:	<b>Michael Buckley</b> (@michaelwbuckley) <b>Alexander Gordon Smith</b> (@AGSmith_Author) <b>Roland Smith</b> (@RolandCSmith) <b>Christine Taylor-Butler</b>	Courtesy of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Courtesy of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group Courtesy of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Courtesy of Move Books
Moderator:	Kellee Moye (@kelleemoye)	Orange County Public Schools, Orlando, FL
11:30 - 11:35	<b>BOOKTALKS</b>	
11:35 - 12:10	<b>THE MANY FACES OF REALISTIC FICTION</b>	
Participants:	<b>Sarah Dessen</b> (@sarahdessen) <b>Geoff Herbach</b> (@geoffherbach) <b>Ashley Hope Perez</b> (@ashleyhopeperez) <b>Margo Rabb</b> (@MargoRabb) <b>Susan Ross</b> <b>Tamara Ireland Stone</b> (@tamaraistone)	Courtesy of Penguin Young Readers Group Courtesy of Sourcebooks Courtesy of Lerner Publishing Group Courtesy of HarperCollins Children's Books Courtesy of Holiday House Courtesy of Disney-Hyperion
Moderator:	Susan Groenke (@ccyal)	University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
12:10 - 12:40	<b>YA LIT IN THE CLASSROOM: REVOLUTIONARY ENGLISH TEACHERS</b>	
Participants:	Jennifer Buehler (@ProfBuehler) Ricki Ginsberg (@ReadwithPassion) Wendy Glenn Renee Stites (@ReneeStites10)	Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO
12:40 - 1:00	<b>MURDER MOST FOUL</b>	
Participants:	<b>Emiko Jean</b> <b>Monica Ropal</b> (@MonicaYAwriting) <b>Henry Turner</b>	Courtesy of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Courtesy of Running Press Courtesy of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Moderator:	Chris Crowe	Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
1:00 - 1:20	<b>IN CONVERSATION: A BLEND OF BOTH WORLDS: WRITING FROM AN IMMIGRANT PERSPECTIVE</b>	
Participants:	<b>Claudia Guadalupe Martinez</b> <b>Cindy Pon</b> (@cindypon)	Courtesy of Cinco Puntos Press Courtesy of Serpentine/Month9Books 2015
Moderator:	Gina Boldman (@GinBol)	Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI
1:20 - 1:45	<b>TEAMING UP</b>	
Participants:	<b>Kelley Armstrong</b> (@KelleyArmstrong) <b>Mac Barnett</b> (@macbarnett) <b>Jory John</b> (@joryjohn) <b>Kathy Kacer</b> (@KathyKacer)	Courtesy of Orca Books Courtesy of Abrams Books Courtesy of Abrams Books Courtesy of Orca Books
Moderator:	Cindy Beth Minnich (@cbethm)	Upper Dauphin Area High School, Elizabethville, PA
1:45 - 1:50	<b>BOOKTALKS</b>	
1:50 - 2:00	<b>THE HANDING OVER</b>	
	<b>Daria Plumb</b> , 2015 ALAN President <b>Jennifer Buehler</b> , 2016 ALAN President	