

2019 ALA Annual Conference**2019 ALA Annual Conference****June 20 - 25, 2019****Washington, DC**

The 2019 ALA Annual Conference will be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC.

Registration is now open at: <http://2019.alaannual.org/>
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Attention Program Organizers! - Visit the program organizer webpage (<http://www.ala.org/alsc/programorganizer>) to access the planning guide and equipment order forms.

ALSC Preconference***With Gratitude: Honoring Stories that Connect Us***

Friday, June 21, 2019 | 11:30 am - 4:00 pm | Location TBA

Join us in conversation with authors, illustrators, and publishers as we celebrate and explore the 2019 Batchelder, Caldecott, Giesel, Newbery, Pura Belpré, and Sibert Honor Books.

Tickets are available for purchase through ALA Conference registration at www.alaannual.org (<http://www.alaannual.org/>).

- ALSC members: \$120
- ALA members: \$175
- Non-members: \$200

Advance tickets will be available through 11:59am CT on Friday, June 14, 2019. Advance tickets are recommended, as onsite ticket sales will be limited.

Programs**Saturday, June 22, 2019 | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. | Location TBA*****Nourishing Literacy: Cooking with youth in your library***

The Free Library of Philadelphia's Culinary Literacy Center is dedicated to advancing literacy through food and cooking. Nourishing Literacy is the Culinary Literacy Center's school visit program for Pre-K through 8th grade students, offering cooking classes featuring academic standards, nutrition concepts, and library resources. In this workshop, members of the Nourishing Literacy team will share best practices for our school visits and outreach classes that library staff can use to execute a similar program. Ideas for applying practical, engaging culinary activities in library settings will be provided, as well as hands-on interaction with materials, and small food tastes!

Saturday, June 22, 2019 | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Location TBA***Talking with Kids about Race: A 'how to' workshop***

Move from the "what" to the "how" of talking with kids about race in this dynamic workshop. A panel of facilitators, with diverse backgrounds, perspectives, workplaces, and experiences, will lead an examination of how to talk about and address race and racism with young people. Presenters will cover individual and systemic racism, intersectionality, and white fragility, as well as participant-guided topics to give attendees concrete tools and the confidence to address these issues with young people in the communities they serve. Hands-on, interactive activities will give the participants experience and first-hand knowledge to bring back to their institutions and implement immediately. Participants will be able to apply the knowledge they gain from this program in many contexts including through formal programming, in one-on-one interactions with the youth that they serve, as well as with the community at large, colleagues, and the leadership of their institutions. This work will contribute to the equity and inclusion of libraries, schools, and, ultimately, the communities that we serve and will create welcoming spaces for all youth, including those young people from marginalized and underserved communities.

Saturday, June 22, 2019 | 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. | Location TBA***Keep it LOCAL: Designing effective outreach for children and families in your communities***

Libraries are increasingly focused on partnerships and outreach to children and families in underserved communities and support literacy, STEM, and family engagement. What steps are you taking to connect with your underserved communities and understand their needs and aspirations? Come to our launch of ALSC's newest white paper, learn about what others are doing, and share your own strategies to serve children and families where they are, build effective partnerships, and ultimately strengthen communities.

Saturday, June 22, 2019 | 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. | Location TBA***Writing Boxes: How libraries can create diverse, welcoming, intergenerational programming to inspire writing as an integral part of supporting literacy and family engagement***

Librarians who serve children understand one of their core missions is to support reading. Reading is one part of literacy as is writing, listening, and communication. Writing experiences support family engagement, community engagement, close the education gap, facilitate literacy, and support out-of-school learning across the curriculum including STEM. Join youth service

librarians, Lisa Von Drasek--University of Minnesota, Jennifer Brown--Bank Street College of Education, Poet Nikki Grimes, author/ activist and founder of 826 National-- Dave Eggers, and the inaugural Ambassador for Children's Literature-- John Scieszka as they provide easy and inexpensive replicable program templates to promote, encourage, and facilitate writing in libraries.

Sunday, June 23, 2019 | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Location TBA

Ready To Learn: Public media and library partnerships for early science and literacy learning

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood when libraries and public media stations partner to support early science and literacy learning. The CPB-PBS Ready To Learn Initiative, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, supports these partnerships by funding free, research-based learning resources and developing a new collaborative model of community engagement serving low-income neighborhoods. Library and station representatives from Kentucky and Tennessee, along with representatives from the CPB and PBS, will discuss how they've cultivated effective partnerships and demonstrate free resources and tools to better serve the early learning needs of low-income families with children ages 2 to 8.