

VAASL 2026 Concurrent Sessions

WEDNESDAY	Room	Session Title	Presenter(s)	General Topic	AASL Shared Foundations	Audience
SESSION 1: 1-1:45 PM	Piedmont A	Adventures in AI for the Elementary School Library	Jen Singleton	Collection Development, Instruction, Professional Growth, Programming, Technology	Curate, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
	Piedmont BC	Beyond the book: creating meaningful readaloud experiences (vendor session)	Karly O'Brien	Instruction, Literature, Professional Growth	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Explore	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
	Colony	Little tools, big impact: Practical Ideas for New Elementary School Librarians	Jessica Hogan	Professional Growth	Include, Collaborate, Engage	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
	Patriot AB	Where Stories Meet Studio: K-5 Library and Art Collaboration	Jessica Butler, Melissa Mandak	Instruction, Literature	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Explore	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
	Liberty AB	From Shelves to Student Success: Using Collection Data to Drive Instruction	Diane Stinson, Carolyn Vibbert	Collection Development	Collaborate, Curate	All
	Tidewater AB	Teaching Students to Paraphrase Step by Step	Melonie Yielding	Instruction	Inquire, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Intermediate Grades, Middle School
	Tidewater CD	Collaboration Catalyst: Engaging Your Math and Science Teachers in Secondary Libraries	Meagan Major, Eileen Silva	Instruction, Professional Growth, Programming, Technology	Collaborate, Engage	Middle School, High School
	Allegheny AB	Kids Love Nonfiction: Let's Give Them What They Want (vendor session)	Claire Covington, Patricia Newman, Danielle Sachdeva	Collection Development, Instruction, Literature, Programming	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Explore, Curate, Engage	All
	Allegheny C	Self-contained SPED Classes in the Elementary School Library	Kimberly Holt	Instruction	Enquire, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
SESSION 2: 2-2:45 PM	Piedmont A	Better Book Clubs	Kerry Ames	Instruction, Literature, Professional Growth	Collaborate, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
	Piedmont BC	Beyond the Books: Developing Innovative Workshops	Cate Sossong, Patrick Gallegos	Programming	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Explore	Middle School, High School
	Colony	Navigating Google's AI Education Series	Sherry Gick	Professional Growth, Technology	Curate, Explore, Engage	All
	Patriot AB	The Whippoorwill Book Award: An Award for Rural Young Adult and Middle Grades Literature	Brianna Johnson	Collection Development, Literature	Include, Curate	Middle School, High School
	Liberty AB	Teamwork Without the Paperwork	Shelly Weeden, Amy Ipson	Instruction, Literature	Collaborate, Engage	Middle School
	Tidewater AB	From Ideas to Impact: Collaborative Approaches to Lessons, Technology and Programming	Sarah Kindler, Matthew Korona	Instruction, Programming, Technology	Inquire, Include, Explore, Engage	Middle School, High School
	Tidewater CD	Turn Browsers into Borrowers: Using Book Tastings to Power Reading Promotions	Kristi Peace	Instruction, Programming	Curate, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Intermediate Grades
	Allegheny AB	From Research to Real World: Inquiry, AI, & Collaboration through a Multicultural Fair	Valerie Lamberton	Instruction	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, Engage	High School

	Allegheny C	Three Ss, Endless Possibilities: Inclusive Library Experiences for Self-contained Classes	Cassidy Haight	Instruction, Literature	Include, Engage	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
SESSION 3: 3-3:45 PM	Piedmont A	Critical Approaches to AI: Shifting Our Teaching, Assessments, & Student Conversations	Kim Krutka	Instruction, Professional Growth, Technology	Engage	Middle School, High School
	Piedmont BC	Centered on Student Achievement: Building Our Tutoring Workshop	Lisa Koch, Ashley Lowry	Programming	Include, Collaborate, Engage	Middle School, High School
	Patriot AB	Budget Book Camp: Stretching Budgets, Raising Funds, and Using Freebies	Lauren Mabry	Collection Development, Professional Growth, Programming	Collaborate, Curate, Explore	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades, Middle School
	Liberty AB	The Mighty Machines Carnival: A Third Grade Simple Machines STEM collaboration	Elisheba Cornelius	Instruction	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Explore	Elementary: Intermediate Grades
	Tidewater AB	100 (or more) New Middle Grade and Young Adult Books	Janice Raspen, Kimberly Royle	Collection Development	Curate, Explore	Middle School, High School
	Tidewater CD	Elementary School Read Alouds: A Year of Classic and Contemporary Titles	Jana Bailey	Literature, Programming	Include, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
	Allegheny AB	Whose Library is it Anyway?: Cultivating Student Voice and Ownership in the MS/HS Library	Rachel Grover	Professional Growth, Programming	Include, Collaborate, Explore	Middle School
	Allegheny C	2026-2027 Primary & Elementary Virginia Reader's Choice Titles	Elyse DeQuoy	Collection Development, Literature, Professional Growth	Curate, Explore	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades

THURSDAY	<u>Room</u>	<u>Session Title</u>	<u>Presenter(s)</u>	<u>General Topic</u>	<u>AASL Shared Foundations</u>	<u>Audience</u>
Session 4: 10-10:45 am	Piedmont A	Read Like a (Insert Your Mascot Here)!	April Insley	Instruction, Programming	Include, Collaborate, Engage	All
	Piedmont BC	Station Innovation: Collaborate, Customize, and Conquer the Classroom	Carol Holt, Tiffany Cannon	Instruction, Professional Growth, Technology	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Intermediate Grades, Middle School, High School
	Patriot AB	Supervisor's Roundtable	Amy Hailey	Professional Growth	Inquire, Collaborate	All
	Liberty AB	The Engaged Library: Creative Ideas to Boost Collaboration, Circulation, and Connection	Alicia LeRoux, Taryn Barlow	Instruction, Professional Growth, Programming	Collaborate, Explore	Middle School
	Tidewater AB	Learning from Each Other: A School Library Idea Exchange	Jen Spisak, Rebecca Kaufman, Kelly Passek	Instruction, Literature, Professional Growth, Programming, Technology	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore	All
	Tidewater CD	The Lifecycle of a Graphic Novel from Inspiration to Publication	SJ Sindhu (author session)	Professional Growth	Inquire, Collaborate, Explore, Engage	All
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	Allegheny C	If You Fund it, They Will Come: Building Library Buzz through Programming and Fundraising	Cara Dibbs, Erin Nye	Programming	Curate, Engage	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
Session 5: 11-11:45 am	Piedmont A	Genrefying Your Library On a Budget	Christina Youel	Collection Development, Instruction, Professional Growth	Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
	Piedmont BC	Show Us Your Handouts!	Beth Ebenstein Mulch, Laurel Taylor	Instruction	Inquire, Collaborate	Middle School, High School
	Colony	Exploring Library Connections from A to Z: Ten Topics and Trends	Audrey Church	Collection Development, Instruction, Professional Growth, Programming, Technology	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, Engage	All
	Patriot AB	Let's Look at the Second Edition AASL Standards	Katie Yu	Instruction, Professional Growth	Inquire, Explore	All
	Liberty AB	Inclusive Library Spaces: How to create one space for all	Tamara Ingalls, Debra Gish	Instruction, Programming	Include, Collaborate	Middle School
	Tidewater AB	Revolutionizing 4th Grade Virginia Studies: Library Lessons That Stick	Karen Stein	Instruction	Inquire, Include, Explore	Elementary: Intermediate Grades
	Tidewater CD	The Path to HOLLOWAY	Elana K. Arnold (author session)	Collection Development, Professional Growth	Inquire, Explore, Engage	Middle School, High School
	Allegheny AB	Teaching with Picture Books in Middle School	Barbara Haas	Instruction	Inquire, Explore, Engage	Middle School
	Allegheny C	Beyond the Bookshelf: Building Community	Fanny DuParcmeur, Deana Kolan	Instruction, Programming	Collaborate, Engage	Middle School, High School
Session 6: 12-12:45 PM	Piedmont A	Dewey to Topics: How to Organize Nonfiction for Students	Rebecca Davidson	Collection Development	Inquire, Curate, Explore	All
	Piedmont BC	Who Stole the Constitution?: Using Escape Rooms for SOL Review in Elementary School	Laura Mullin, Kylie Hines	Instruction	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Explore	Elementary: Intermediate Grades
	Colony	Classroom Management Tips and Tricks for Elementary Librarians	Maggie Southwell	Instruction	Include, Explore	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
	Patriot AB	Low-Tech Making Across the Curriculum: Boosting Critical Thinking on a Budget	Stacy Gilbert	Instruction	Inquire, Collaborate, Explore	Middle School, High School
	Liberty AB	Soccer Reader Method (vendor session)	Kristin Thrower	Instruction	Include, Explore	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
	Tidewater AB	Coming Attractions--Young Adult Edition	Catherine Andronik	Collection Development	Include, Curate, Explore, Engage	Middle School, High School
	Tidewater CD	Library Magic-Act II: Leveling Up Your PK-2 Toolkit	Melissa Norris, Jennifer "JJ" Green, Tabby Owen, Jennifer Singleton	Instruction	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Primary Grades
	Allegheny AB	Something For Everyone - Engaging the School Community through Programming	Staci Smith, Donna Gizzarelli	Literature	Include, Collaborate, Engage	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
	Allegheny C	Using Primary Sources as the Foundation for Inquiry and Exploration	Rebecca Newland	Instruction	Inquire, Explore	Middle School, High School

Session 7: 1-1: 45 PM	Piedmont A	Scibrary (Exploring science in the library)	Megan Price, Sean Jones	Instruction	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
	Piedmont BC	Connecting with Internet Safety and Digital Resources to Help Support School Librarians	Ryan Champney, Morri Pace	Collection Development, Professional Growth, Technology	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, Engage	All
	Colony	Connected by Stories: Librarians Connect Us Through PK–YA Book Talks	Laurie Bolt, Claire Bremner	Collection Development, Instruction, Literature	Include, Curate, Explore	All
	Patriot AB	Reading Makes Cents: Free Books, Big Rewards, and Financial Literacy (vendor session)	Amy Faires, Patrick DeRosa	Collection Development, Instruction, Literature	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades, Middle School
	Liberty AB	Make Your Library a Destination: Stations, Stops, and Student Success	Moriah Moore, Meredith Mlear	Instruction, Programming	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Explore, Engage	High School
	Tidewater AB	Beyond the Books: A Year of Library Programming	Melissa Minter, Dawn-Marie Goodwin	Programming	Inquire, Include, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades, Middle School
	Tidewater CD	Meet the KidLit Authors and Illustrators! (vendor session)	Debra Shumaker, Mid-Atlantic SCBWI	Instruction, Literature, Programming	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Explore, Engage	All
	Allegheny AB	Creating With Confidence in Canva	Rebecca Sharpley, Lewis Coleman	Instruction, Programming, Technology	Include, Collaborate, Explore, Engage	All
	Allegheny C	Books We Read: Middle Grade and Young Teen Lit	Ami Schroder, Katie Bruechert	Collection Development, Literature	Include, Curate, Explore	Elementary: Intermediate Grades, Middle School
Session 8: 2: 30-3:15 PM	Piedmont A	Sidebar: Using Nonfiction Picture Books with Middle and High School Students	Catherine M. Andronik	Collection Development, Instruction	Inquire, Explore, Engage	Middle School, High School
	Piedmont BC	Connected Learning: Supporting Safe and Ethical AI in Education	Ryan Champney, Morri Pace	Instruction, Professional Growth, Technology	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, Engage	All
	Colony	A Reading Expedition: Mapping Out the Ten Primary Virginia Reader's Choice Titles	Emily Underwood	Instruction, Literature	Curate, Explore	Elementary: Primary Grades
	Patriot AB	Regional Directors' Meeting	Connie Piper	Professional Growth	Inquire, Collaborate, Curate	All
	Liberty AB	Cosby HS Library: Curiosity & Creativity	Amy Hardwick-Ivey, Nina Beltran	Instruction, Literature, Programming	Inquire, Explore	High School
	Tidewater AB	2026-2027 Middle & High VRC Titles	Emily Seales, Susan Matney	Collection Development, Literature, Professional Growth	Curate	Middle School, High School
	Tidewater CD	Your Library, Everyone's Classroom: A Strategy Session for Total School Reach	Elyse DeQuoy, Wendy Knox, Maggie Schrock	Instruction	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, Engage	Middle School, High School
	Allegheny AB	Building Sustainable Media Literacy Through Partnerships	Matthew Korona	Instruction, Technology	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Explore, Engage	Middle School, High School

	Allegheny C	The Inquiry Advantage: Why Libraries Matter More Than Ever	Diane Stinson	Collection Development, Instruction, Professional Growth, Programming	Inquire, Collaborate, Curate	All
Session 9: 3:30-4:15 PM	Piedmont A	No AI Tools? No Problem!	Jill Woodall	Instruction, Technology	Inquire, Curate, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
	Piedmont BC	Book Bedazzling: Your Next Obsession	Crystal Hamlin, Janice Raspen, Kimberly Royle	Programming	Collaborate, Explore, Engage	Middle School, High School
	Patriot AB	DINovember- From fossils to fiction: Dinosaur-themed learning for November	Pam Lansberry	Instruction, Programming	Inquire, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
	Liberty AB	The Best of Middle School Books: Building a Schoolwide Culture of Literacy	Jennifer Ulloa	Literature, Programming	Include, Collaborate, Curate, Engage	Middle School
	Tidewater AB	Behind the Medal: Notes from Newbery & VA READS	Ami Schroder, Katie Bruechert	Collection Development, Literature, Professional Growth	Collaborate, Curate, Explore	All
	Tidewater CD	Checked Out: Creative Ways To Boost Library Circulation	Tanya Parrott	Collection Development, Programming	Curate, Explore	Middle School, High School
	Allegheny AB	Diversity Audit 101	Hannah Christopherson	Collection Development	Include, Curate	Middle School, High School
	Allegheny C	How Saying Yes Sparked Two Ignite Projects	Kannan Cangro	Instruction, Literature, Programming	Inquire, Collaborate, Engage	All
Friday	Room	Session Title	Presenter(s)	General Topic	AASL Shared Foundations	Audience
Session 10: 8-8:45 AM	Piedmont A	The Power of Perspective: Race, Representation, and the Library	Tiffany Cannon	Professional Growth	Include, Curate, Explore	All
	Piedmont BC	How Your Library Looks and Feels Matter: Designing a Trauma-Informed Library Program	Lisa Chandler, Andrea Fravel	Instruction, Professional Growth, Programming	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Explore	Elementary: Intermediate Grades, Middle School
	Patriot AB	Intellectual Freedom Discussion for VA School Librarians	Linda Mitchell, Jamie Symons	Professional Growth	Collaborate	All
	Liberty AB	Using Fiction and Nonfiction Books to Enhance and Support the Curriculum	Kimberly Ritter	Instruction, Literature	Inquire, Include, Curate, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
	Tidewater AB	Meet the KitLit Authors and Illustrators (vendor session)	Terry Jennings	Instruction, Literature, Programming	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Explore, Engage	All
	Tidewater CD	Sensory Bins for All	Trisha Heyer, Kerry Ames	Instruction, Programming	Include, Explore, Engage	All
	Allegheny AB	A Dynamic Duo: How an Innovative Learning Coach & Librarian Supercharge Student Engagement	Katie Kier, Amanda Marsh	Instruction, Programming	Inquire, Collaborate, Explore, Engage	Middle School, High School
	Allegheny C	The Shield-to-Bridge Collection Tracker: A Dual Purpose Library Tool	Maggie Schrock, Wendy Knox	Collection Development, Professional Growth	Collaborate, Curate	All

Session 11: 11-11:45 AM	Piedmont A	VA Reads Young Adult Book List, 2026-27	Meagan Major	Collection Development, Programming	Curate, Engage	High School
	Piedmont BC	Rooted in Sustainability: K-12 Eco-oriented Project-based-learning units	Kim Sigle	Instruction	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, Engage	All
	Colony	All AI All the Time, Coming Soon to a Library Near You	Joyce Johnston	Professional Growth, Programming, Technology	Inquire, Include, Explore, Engage	All
	Patriot AB	Beyond the Bookshelves: Engaging Lessons that Build Readers, Researchers, and Thinkers	Heather Gonzalez, Michelle Bergstresser	Instruction	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Primary Grades and Intermediate Grades
	Liberty AB	Kids Mean Business: A Market Day Unit	Tori Filas (author presenter)	Instruction, Literature	Inquire, Collaborate, Explore	Elementary: Intermediate Grades
	Tidewater AB	Penguinpalooza: Piecing Together Collaborative Family Engagement Events with Pizazz	Andrea DePaol, Rebecca Behring, Francesca Ward, Mallory Lemus, Kaitlyn Koishal	Professional Growth, Programming	Include, Collaborate, Engage	Elementary: Primary Grades and Intermediate Grades
	Tidewater CD	Thrillers, History, and Kids' Books: A Life Story	Brad Meltzer (author session)	Professional Growth	Include, Engage	All
	Allegheny AB	Treasure Chest for Upper Elementary	Tabitha Owen, Mattie King, Melissa Norris, JJ Green	Instruction	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate	Elementary: Intermediate Grades
	Allegheny C	Bone-a-fide Collaboration: Putting Scientific Research Under the Microscope	Shannon Bailey, Devon Heldenbrand	Instruction	Inquire, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, Engage	Middle School, High School
Session 12: 12-12:45 PM	Piedmont A	Student Voices, Schoolwide Impact: Building a Student-led Communications/advisory Team	Valerie Lamberton, Shelby Decker	Programming	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, Engag	High School
	Piedmont BC	The Library Swap Shop: Ideas Worth Borrowing	Leah Talbert	Collection Development, Instruction, Professional Growth, Programming	Collaborate, Curate, Explore, Engage	Middle School, High School
	Colony	AI Literacy: The Good, the Bad, and the Other Stuff	Lori Donovan	Instruction, Professional Growth, Technology	Inquire, Curate, Engage	Middle School, High School
	Patriot AB	VA Reads Middle School	Emily Cissell, Whitney Esposito, Aubree Mitchell, Kevin O'Dea, Jessie Commerce, Colleen Lee, Caitlyn Brandonisio	Collection Development, Literature, Programming	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, Engage	Middle School
	Liberty AB	Big Ideas for Little Learners: STEAM and Computer Science for primary grades	Kannan Cangro	Instruction, Programming, Technology	Inquire, Collaborate, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Primary Grades
	Tidewater AB	The AI Librarian: Building Collections and Connecting Readers with Gemini	Elyse DeQuoy	Collection Development, Professional Growth, Technology	Curate	All
	Tidewater CD	Passive Programming, Pop-Up Workshops & More!	Maura Madigan	Instruction, Programming	Include, Collaborate, Explore	All

	Allegheny AB	History on a Budget: Free-ish, Local Resources to Support Social Studies Instruction	Mary Sutterluety	Instruction	Curate, Explore, Engage	Middle School, High School
	Allegheny C	A Year of Book Joy: Planning with Purpose in the Elementary Library	Tiffany Maxwell	Collection Development, Instruction, Literature, Professional Growth, Programming, Technology	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
Session 13: 1-1:45 PM	Piedmont A	Partnering with NonProfit Organizations to Achieve Literacy Goals	Dianne Rose, Kim Sigle	Programming	Collaborate, Engage	All
	Piedmont BC	Tiny Bots, Big Learning: Making Lessons Engaging with Ozobots	Rebecca Kronthal	Instruction, Technology	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
	Patriot AB	Designing a County-Wide K-5 Library Scope and Sequence	Meghan Fatouros, Holly Nisco, Meg Schryver, Nicole Gustafson	Instruction	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Primary and Intermediate Grades
	Liberty AB	A Fireside Chat: Reading Reading Goals and Growing a Reading Culture (vendor session)	Bryana Snyder	Programming	Inquire, Collaborate, Explore, Engage	All
	Tidewater AB	AI Theory to Implementation: Building a Strong Foundation for Success	Jennifer Clements, Charlie Hinsch	Professional Growth, Technology	Inquire, Explore, Engage	All
	Tidewater CD	Turning Out-Trigue into Intrigue	James Robinson (author session)	Professional Growth, Literature	Inquire, Explore, Engage, Include	Middle School, High School
	Allegheny AB	Engaging Readalouds and MLL Magic	Alison Machmer	Collection Development, Instruction, Literature, Professional Growth, Programming	Inquire, Include, Explore, Engage	Elementary: Primary Grades
	Allegheny C	Law4Librarians - What you need to know!	Carl Harvey, Kimberly Allen, IdaMae Craddock, Amy Hailey, Kimberly Royle	Professional Growth	Inquire, Include, Collaborate, Curate, Explore, Engage	All