WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

	Session Title	Session Description	Audience
Session 1 1:00pm - 1:45pm	Get FactCited with Real World Projects!	Virginia loves FactCite! Jeanne Minetree, Dinwiddie County High, will present about using databases (FactCite and others) with ESL, Special Education, Exchange, and others. Barbara Haas, Boushall Middle School (Richmond) will share the scaffold she uses to teach research skills, using FactCite as an example. Participants will take home lesson plans!	Elementary School - Primary Grades Elementary School - Intermediate Grades Middle School
	Abra-collabora! Middle School Collaborative Lessons	Middle school collaborative lesson ideas so easy, they'll seem like magic! We'll go over a variety of lesson ideas to incorporate library skills into language arts/creative writing, science, and social studies.	Middle School
	One Pager, Many Possibilities: Boosting Library Programming and Collaboration	With the help of VAASL's one pager on independent reading , two secondary librarians made a commitment to bring reading to the forefront of their school libraries. This session shares the origin of the one-pager, practical library applications, and collaborative programming examples. Attendees will leave with practical strategies to support and promote independent reading in their schools.	Middle School High School
	VA READS Young Adult Book List 2025-26	Learn about the titles and selection process for the 2025-26 VA Reads YA book list, and how to promote these titles at your school! Information about staff and student voting for the titles this year will also be shared. We are so excited to share this list with you, and hope that your students love these books just as much as we did.	High School
	How Children's Books Enhance Literacy and Cross Curricular Instruction	Explore new award-winning children's book titles written by educators for the elementary school classroom. The presenters, both former educators, and authors, will share a variety of children's book titles. Participants will learn about particular children's books that can be used to increase reading comprehension and support cross curricular lessons.	Elementary School - Primary Grades Elementary School - Intermediate Grades
	The Power of One School, One Book: Uniting Schools through Shared Reading	Discover how to successfully implement One School, One Book in your elementary library! Learn creative fundraising strategies, volunteer recruitment tips, and how to navigate the program's website to select the perfect book. Explore engaging activities, trivia, and prizes to boost student and family participation. BYOD for hands-on exploration of resources!	Elementary School - Primary Grades Elementary School - Intermediate Grades
	You Aren't Too Busy to Genrefy! (or How to Genrefy on 20 Minutes a Day)	Are you interested in genrefying your library, but don't know where to start? Wondering if it is worth the effort? I've genrefied both an elementary and a middle school library and I am a believer! Join me as I walk you through my experiences, how my circulation increased, and share tips and tricks on making libraries a more user friendly space.	All Levels
	Starting Strong: Building Confidence and Community as a New Librarian	Being a first year librarian can be exciting and overwhelming! One elementary and one high school librarian will recount their first two years in the library, what they wish they knew, and what they are glad to know now. Walk away with ideas and strategies for navigating your first year in the library.	All Levels
	Illuminating Pathways: Empowering HS Teachers and Students with AI	Explore Virginia Beach City Public Schools' journey of integrating AI into high school classrooms. Hear about the challenges we faced, access the valuable resources we developed, and learn about the real impact on our teachers and students engaging with AI. Walk away with inspiration and tools to empower your high school community to become AI thinkers and responsible digital citizens.	High School
	Growing Capacity to Support Student Service for Your Library (and Beyond!)	Wondering how to build a library volunteer program? We understand--in 2 years our program grew from zero to 900+ hours of service last year. In this collaborative session we'll share strategies, takeaways and benefits of growing a volunteer program and share how to partner with nonprofits on service projects. Learn to engage students in work that benefits your library and community!	Elementary School - Intermediate Grades Middle School High School
Session 2 2:00pm - 2:45pm	Igniting Minds: Interdisciplinary Experiences for Tomorrow's Thinkers	Whether you're looking to enhance STEM initiatives or spark artistic exploration, this session will illuminate how to position your library as the heartbeat of interdisciplinary innovation. Come explore how partnerships with art, core classes, and technology can transform student engagement, and discover how glow rooms and immersive experiences foster creativity, inquiry, and deep learning	All Levels
	Promoting Your Library to All! (Even the Non-Readers)	We all want our libraries to be welcoming spaces for all students. That's an easy task with our voracious readers, but what about students who don't necessarily use the library's services that often (or at all)? This librarian duo wants to share the many fun and engaging promotions we run all year long to get students into the library--it's all about the contests, competitions, & prizes!	Elementary School - Intermediate Grades Middle School High School
	2025-2026 VRC High School Titles	Learn about the current VRC high school titles, how to join the committee, and share some of the books you have read lately that you cannot wait to talk about with other book lovers.	High School
	Manga Mania in the Elementary Library	This session will introduce attendees to the manga format, discuss several manga titles and series to add to your collection, give attendees strategies for finding great, age-appropriate manga, and share reader's advisory tips to get manga in the hands of even the most reluctant readers.	Elementary School - Primary Grades Elementary School - Intermediate Grades
	Year-Long Themes	Long term planning for elementary library resource classes. How to use a year-long theme to increase student buy-in and circulation, family/community engagement, and school-wide cohesiveness. Save time on planning lessons, crafting displays, and writing SMART goals. Leave with some ideas of year-long themes and a general road map to make it happen in your space.	Elementary School - Primary Grades Elementary School - Intermediate Grades
	Equipping Students for Research: Librarian-Teacher Collaboration for Lifelong Learning	Join high school librarians and an English teacher as they share strategies to equip students with essential research skills for higher education and beyond. Learn how collaborative instruction in information literacy, search strategies and critical thinking can prepare students for rigorous academic challenges and lifelong learning.	High School
	Teaching News Literacy in the Age of AI	Join eMediaVA staff for an interactive session on integrating news literacy in the age of AI. Discover practical strategies, classroom tips, and ready-to-use student resources from leading PBS content creators. Learn how to embed essential news literacy skills and concepts into your teaching in engaging and meaningful ways.	Middle School High School
	Ignite Learning with Fresh Children's Books	Get ready for a whirlwind of fresh picture books! This fast-paced session spotlights standout 2024–2025 titles, sharing themes, curriculum connections, and quick ideas for tying each book to Virginia SOLs. Perfect for librarians and educators looking to energize their collections and instruction.	Elementary School - Primary Grades Elementary School - Intermediate Grades
	Can I Use That? Copyright and Fair Use	Participants will learn some of the basics of copyright and fair use as well as explore previous fair use and/or copyright cases.	All Levels

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	Demonstrating Lesson Plans from Library of Virginia's New Online Resources for Instructors	This session highlights the Library of Virginia's new online resources for primary source teaching materials drawn from local records collections. Materials include downloadable lesson plans, document facsimiles, and analysis tools. Local records archivists will conduct hands-on activities, incorporating strategies for planning and executing successful primary source lessons for students in grades 4-12.	Elementary School - Intermediate Grades Middle School High School
Session 3 3:00pm - 3:45pm	Reading Rescue Pet Adoption Program	Looking for new ideas to promote reading, writing, and creative thinking with elementary students? This session explains how to use stuffed animal "pets" in the library to boost reading stamina and excitement. Additional activities include maker challenges, writing, research, and green screen movies. Participants will leave with resources and lesson ideas to use right away.	Elementary School - Primary Grades Elementary School - Intermediate Grades
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	Survive and Thrive: Creative Lesson Planning for Fixed and Fixed/Flexible Schedules	On a fixed or fixed/flex schedule? This session is your toolkit for thriving. This fast-paced, idea-packed presentation is full of engaging, ready-to-use lessons and units that will energize your library program. Includes Shark Tank, Ozobot Zoo research, Digital Book Reviews, March Book Madness, Dino-vember, and the Wall of Awesome Readers, You'll leave with ready to implement ideas. Door prizes!	Elementary School - Primary Grades Elementary School - Intermediate Grades
	Increasing Circulation, By the Numbers	By regularly documenting student circulation habits in a custom spreadsheet, we were able to raise student/community awareness of the most fundamental library behaviors, checking-out and returning books. We started small, but had big results (a 20% increase across 4 grade levels!). We think this can be useful to anyone with regular library classes.	Elementary School - Primary Grades Elementary School - Intermediate Grades
	Engage Beyond the CRAAP Test: How Information/Media Literacy Connects to All Content Areas	Come gain an understanding of the evolution of information and media literacy and how to connect it to learners' experiences. Engage with resources and explore best practices in teaching information and media literacy skills.	All Levels
	From MARC to Modern: Linked Data and the Future of School Libraries	Discover how linked data and new cataloging paradigms are transforming school libraries. Learn how Library•Solution for Schools equips librarians with modern tools to enhance discovery, streamline metadata management, and future-proof their collections in a connected digital world.	All Levels
	Google Search in the ERA of AI	Google Search is undergoing a significant transformation due to the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into Search. The session introduces Google's AI Mode and AI Overviews options that offer the ability to delve deeper into a topic. The session will answer the question about whether learning Google's advanced search syntaxes in necessary in the age of AI.	All Levels
	Diverse Books for Elementary Chapter Book Readers!	VA Reads is an award for books that represent kids of all cultures and backgrounds--and this session is to help you figure out how to best promote the elementary chapter book titles to your students! Book talks, promotional resources that you can share or print, and printable displays will be provided!	Elementary School - Intermediate Grades Middle School
	Give Me a Clue?	Learn how a clever CLUE game presented at a spring regional conference inspired a middle school adaptation and contributed to two schools with statistically significant higher Science SOL scores. Participants will be given everything thet need to replicate the activity at their home schools.	Middle School High School