

## Wednesday, November 1st

	Session Title	Session Description
<b>Wednesday</b> 1:30pm - 2:15pm 45 minute	Writing Prompts for ChatGPT	There is crossover between writing search queries and writing AI Prompts. In this session, we will take a look at AI engines generally and explore how to write prompts that generate the products we need. Learn together by experimenting with ChatGPT, BARD, and Bing.
	Reading Makes Cents in Middle School	Join two middle school librarians who piloted Reading Makes Cents (previously limited to elementary school students) with grades 6, 7, and 8. They will share some of their planning ideas, lesson successes and "needs-improvement" activities. Walk away from this session with a ready to go Reading Makes Cents Lesson Savings activity to get you started with this program. Participating students may enter a drawing for a 529 Virginia College Savings Plan.
	Saipan- WWII Battle Scars and Sites of Resilience	Learn about an often-overlooked facet of WWII history through the lens of a professional development opportunity offered by the National Endowment for the Humanities that took place during the summer of 2023 in the U.S. Territory of Saipan. Topics include indigenous history and contemporary life in Saipan; civilian experiences before, during, and after the Battle for Saipan; and underwater archaeology of conflict history in the waters surrounding the island.
	Inventory Management Simplified with the Library Corporation's Library Solution for Schools	Inventory management can be tough. Take back your time with Library•Solution for Schools inventory solutions. Join TLC and Chesterfield County Public School staff to learn how easy and efficient collection management can be for your school libraries.
	Curate and Evaluate with Confidence	A session for everyone at VAASL. Come and learn something new and relevant that will impact the way your purchase and advocate for your library. BYOB if you want to engage interactively.
<b>Wednesday</b> 1:30pm - 3:00pm 90 minute	Books Matter: Using Awesome Children's Literature to Invite Conversations about Identity, Bias and Social Justice	Anyone who has ever read with a child knows that children's books have the power to leave lasting impressions. Books play a critical role in children's lives to teach, reflect, transform, and inspire. In this session, we will explore how to use the amazing world of children's literature to open and deepen young people's concepts of identity, diversity, bias and social justice. Participants will learn about and look at excellent children's books, explore development ages and stages as they relate to these concepts, and talk together about how to engage children in conversations by using children's books.
	Stars in the Waves	Laura Elliott will talk briefly about her novel, Louisa June and the Nazis in the Waves, and place it in the context of WWII Virginia. VAASL York Regional Director Susan Catlett will share the "Stars in the Waves" project she led with her high school book club at Green Run High School. A mental health professional will also talk about promoting emotional health in schools.
<b>Wednesday</b> 3:30pm - 4:15pm 45 minute	Un-Deweying the Library: Genrefying Nonfiction	In the spring of 2023, we decided to reorganize our nonfiction section to make it more inviting and accessible to our high school students. Come and learn about how we left the Dewey Decimal system behind and recategorized nonfiction- including our new shelf labels, spine stickers, and all of the planning and reorganizing involved.
	Yes, Librarians Do Integrate Computer Science...Come On In!	In this session, attendees will hear from a VA public school librarian and a CodeVA faculty member, sharing how librarians can and are integrating computer science into their lessons and encouraging students to explore CS and use computational thinking in academic and non-academic spaces and in future careers. Special focus will be paid to integrated lessons, and CodeVA's free professional learning and resources. We encourage participants to share tips and successes, so that everyone leaves with a new plan of action or some inspired CS integration ideas! No prior knowledge or experience required. All are welcome!
	Incorporating STEAM Learning on Any Budget	Incorporate the engineering design process using STEAM in your library with any budget. Learn how to engage your students with materials you already have on hand, items that are easy to obtain, and more specific STEAM and programming tools such as micro:bit, ozobots, Lego EV3, makey makeys, and more.
	Students Rebuild: Artivism for Student Activism	Hook your students on artivism through a Students Rebuild Challenge that integrates the Sustainable Development Goals and allows students to contribute financially to a charitable organization. Learn about team registration, resources from Students Rebuild, implementation strategies, and challenge submission. The challenge runs from September through June.
	Connect with GoOpenVA for Free, Open Educational Resources Designed for Student Success	Make connections in Virginia's repository of open education resources (OER). GoOpenVA.org offers a wide variety of instructional materials for educators from high-quality providers like NASA, VCU's School of Education, and CodeVA. Educators can exercise the resources for free, but they can also remix them to meet their specific needs. This presentation, led by the administrator of GoOpenVA- Calypso Gilstrap, will set up educators on ways to curate, create, and collaborate with Virginia's own Open Educational Resources.
<b>Wednesday</b> 3:30pm - 4:15pm 45 minute	What the Youths Say: Student Perspectives of the Library	How can your library support all students? What challenges do today's teens face, and how might your library help? How can you help them feel safe when the world isn't? Come hear answers directly from students to these questions and more! Feel inspired and renewed to ensure an inclusive library.
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	Visit a Newly Renovated Middle School Library!	Learn about the intentional planning of the space, consider various perspectives of how students experience the library, and learn tips for making your library a place all students want to enjoy. There will be time to browse the shelves and talk books, too! <b>Note that this session takes place at Rocky Run Middle School – just 4 miles from the conference.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 3:00pm - 4:30pm 90 minute	Explore, Learn, and Create in a Nearby Middle School Makerspace!	Rocky Run MS was completely renovated in 2021 and is 4 miles from the conference site! Come visit the beautiful library space and two enclosed makerspaces. Hear about logistics, curriculum connections, and fostering critical thinking and creativity. We will do some maker activities, too! <b>Note that this session takes place at Rocky Run Middle School – just 4 miles from the conference.</b>
	Using Local Records as Primary Sources in the Middle and High School Classroom	Using primary source digital print facsimile sets from the Library of Virginia's local records collections, this session demonstrates proven strategies for planning and executing successful curricular outreach sessions to promote critical thinking and research skills for students in grades 4-12, including hands-on document analysis activities and sample lesson plan(s).
	100 (or more) NEW Books for Middle Grades and Young Adults	This session will be full of booktalks for MG and YA literature to be added to your middle and HS libraries. All books discussed have been published within the last year, and personally read by the presenters, so come hear about some great new and upcoming titles! Favorites will be discussed and questions about any titles on the list are encouraged. We'll give you the lowdown - highlights and dirt!