



# Shenandoah Spring Conference

## Registration

Registration is located in the Plecker Ballroom at [Blue Ridge Community College](#) in Weyers Cave. There will be a continental breakfast available and a buffet lunch. Please bring with you the [attached](#) parking pass to make things easier for security on campus.

## Schedule

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| 7:45-8:30   | Registration   |
| 8:35-8:50   | Welcome; Review of Conference Schedule                                 |
| 9:00-9:45   | 1st Concurrent Session   |
| 9:45-10:15  | Break and Vendors  |
| 10:20-11:05 | 2nd Concurrent Session   |
| 11:10-12:00 | Presentation of LOY and Keynote  |
| 12:00-1:00  | Lunch and Vendors  |
| 1:055-1:50  | 3rd Concurrent Session   |
| 1:55-2:40   | 4th Concurrent Session   |
| 1:15-1:45   | Keynote Speaker (Brent Roberts, Dean at Greenwood Library, Longwood U) |
| 2:45-3:00   | Closing Session/Door Prizes  |

## Keynote Speaker

Jeri Watts, Author of *Kizzy Ann Stamps*, *A Piece of Home*, *On Snowden Mountain*

Jeri was born in Lynchburg where she lived until she went to college at the College of William and Mary. She graduated and got a job at the only elementary school in Lexington, Virginia where she taught for 28 years, first as a PE teacher and then, after gaining a Master's degree in reading from the University of Virginia, as a reading specialist and as the Title I coordinator. Jeri began to pursue her doctoral degree at UVA in reading and completed that in her first year of teaching at Lynchburg College (now the University of Lynchburg). She taught there 11 years before retiring after 38 years of teaching. Jeri taught undergrad, grad and a few postgrad courses. Jeri has been married since 1982, has two beautiful daughters (my youngest will marry this August), and two fabulous grandsons who live about fifteen minutes from her, ages 7 and 4. She started writing when her second daughter was born and fairly quickly had a book published and then nothing until Candlewick published *Kizzy Ann Stamps*. They published *A Piece of Home* and, now, *On Snowden Mountain*.



# Session Descriptions

## 9-9:45 - Concurrent Sessions

- Be a Reader, Global Connector, Maker, Inquirer, Collaborator, and Digital Citizen with the help of World Book Online. G 182
  - Presenter: Laura Brawley
  - Learn ways to create Library Fusion, using World Book Online as your digital resource. We will present useful tools, original lesson plans, and helpful tips to take back to your library tomorrow! (ALL)
- Collection Development & Advocacy G 282
  - Presenter: Christopher Hutto
  - Re-think collection development and advocacy for funds by putting your TitleWise Analysis to work. Engage with your local Follett reps on how to advocate and utilize these tools for your library and district. Learn about new and exciting ways to evaluate your collection and come away with actionable insights and data that will transform your library today. (ALL)
- Lerner Sports Database G 284
  - Presenter: Dolores Curtis
  - Demonstration of Lerner's new sports Database (ELEM/MS)
- Follett eFairs and Book Fairs G 279
  - Presenter: Stephanie Davern
  - During this interactive session participants will learn how Follett has transformed book fairs and eFairs to fit all schools.
- Building a climate of reading joy: Increased excitement = Increased Circulation G 285
  - Presenter: Megan Carroll
  - In the 2.5 years at my current school, I have over doubled (almost tripled....maybe by the end of this year) circulation numbers at my elementary school. I'd like to share some of the programs I have started that have raised interest in reading (and the Library) the most. This will be followed by a time for others to share some of their great ideas. At the end of the session, we should all walk away with new ideas to make our libraries the place to be. (ELEM)

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- **Dragons in the Library: The Multidisciplinary Possibilities of Dungeons and Dragons** G 282
  - **Presenter: Tripp Ennis**
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- **Book Talk Blitz** G 285
  - **Presenter: Kim Tate**
  - Books can be considered by genre, reader, and instructional purpose. In this session, I will book talk picture books to YA, providing suggestions for promoting them among your patrons, offering uses for instruction, and recommending ideas that might entice instruction, and recommending ideas that might entice your striving readers. (ALL)

11:10-12:00 - Librarian of the Year and Keynote/Auditorium

12:00-1:00 - Lunch & Visit with Vendors/Plecker Ballroom

1:05-1:50 - Concurrent Sessions

- **Topics and Trends for Library Fusion** G 182
  - **Presenter: Audrey Church**
  - From AR and VR to Leading Beyond the Library to Social and Emotional Learning, we'll unpack ten hot topics and trends and highlight at least three relevant resources for each. This fast-paced, information-packed session will provide you with

topics to explore and ideas and activities to implement in your library.

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- **Don't PASS on Instagram!** G 284
  - **Presenter: Amy Johnson and Jessica Kitta**
  - Create a library Instagram account and use it to Promote new books and reading, Advocate for your library programs, Showcase your school's students, and to Share ideas with other librarians. (MS/HS)
- **Book Upcycling!** G 279
  - **Presenter: Rebecca Thomas**
  - Don't know what to do with your weeded books? Do you feel guilty about throwing them in the trash? Come to this session to learn fun and unique ways to give old books a second chance at life. All participants will leave with a handmade upcycled book craft!
- **Reading is Thinking: Creating Reading Community & Promoting Inquiry** G 285
  - **Presenter: Kim Tate**
  - Librarians are at the heart of promoting literacy and developing passionate readers. In this session, I will offer specific lessons and schoolwide ideas that grow a reading community. From using "golden lines" in read-alouds to helping readers set goals, students have to see themselves as readers and writers. Furthermore, librarians can support the literacy development of each child with some simple inquiry and collaborative thinking which will help the library become a reflection of every school's reading identity. (ALL)

#### 1:55-2:40 - Concurrent Sessions

- **Middle School Meet-up** G 182
  - **Presenter: Rebecca Baughman**

- In my county, I'm the only middle school. I think it would be beneficial to have a time (thus this session) to have middle school librarians get together to share ideas. I'm not sure how much interest there would be at a regional conference but I thought I'd submit the suggestion and see what happens. (MS)
- **Poetry SLAM: Host An Event or Join Ours!** G 282
  - **Presenter: Carrie Campbell**
  - Spoken word poetry is an incredible creative and emotional outlet. I've hosted an annual Poetry Slam in my community the last four years. In the session I'll explain how it's done and how it's become a bridge between the youth and adults in our community. Learn how to host your own or receive an invitation to our year 5 celebration! (ALL)
- **From Unplugged to Digital: Let's Code** G 284
  - **Presenters: Julia Trammell-McGill and Anne James**
  - Elementary public school librarians Anne James and Julia McGill share detailed steps in implementing coding in the library. Participants will enjoy opportunities to experience hands-on activities in stations, as well as learn about suggested coding activities in both unplugged and digital mediums. (ELEM)
- **LGBTQIA+ Lit and You. Yes, you.** G 279
  - **Presenter: Sandra Parks**
  - You have kids who are LGBTQIA. You have parents who are LGBTQIA. Do you have literature providing windows and mirrors for these kids and these families? Let's talk about making our collections truly inclusive for all of our students. Let's talk about what books you are comfortable with and why .. and this discussion needs to happen at elementary and middle school as well, so this is a discussion for everyone.(ALL)
- **Picture Books for an Authentic Audience** G 285
  - **Presenter: Charlotte Wood**
  - Hear about a maker activity where high school creative writing students studied illustrated children's books, wrote original manuscripts, revised and edited content, then created original 32 page illustrated children's books to share with elementary students this spring. Come see their beautiful, handcrafted and digitally created finished products. Explore the various ways the books are bound and illustrated, and enjoy the varying plot themes from adventure stories, to phobias, diversity, and inclusion. Discuss ways students can create, share, grow, copyright, and publish their finished products. Learn about this fun activity that incorporates the shared foundations and key commitments for an engaged class! (HS)

2:45-3:00 - Drawings for Door Prizes!