

# Friday, November 4th

	Session Title	Session Description
<b>Session 5</b> (8:00am - 8:45am)	Literacy - Not Just for English Classes Anymore	Even though English/Language Arts classes are amazing to work with, there are so many other content areas you can work with. Come see how our high school has worked with various curriculums both in class and out of class.
	Weatherford, Morales, and Yang: Diverse Authors Addressing Tough Topics	This interactive session introduces new children's books addressing seldom taught historical content, controversial current events, and pandemic-themed adversities. Titles include: "Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre", "Dreamers" and "New from Here." Be warned, these titles contain "edgy" social commentary. Included: access to support material, an annotated bibliography, and door prizes.
	Digital Collection Curation and Promotion: A Quick Guide for the Busy Librarian	K-12 educators are busier than ever these days - so it's crucial to make sure that when it comes to your digital collection, you have all the tools you need to succeed right at your fingertips. In this presentation, discover easy tips and tricks to curate your ebook and audiobook library so that it appeals to every student - even your reluctant readers! Plus, learn how free resources help make promoting your digital collection quick and simple, and take a peek at how educators in other districts are getting the word out to their school communities.
	Say Hello to the Redesigned eMediaVA	This session will present strategies for finding, analyzing, and implementing relevant digital media from the redesigned eMediaVA to support your instructional goals. eMediaVA is Virginia's premier [free] digital content library, featuring tens of thousands of engaging learning resources from the most trusted names in education.
	Boosting Engagement with Creative Library Programming	In this session you'll hear from the 2022 VAASL School Library Program of the Year librarians talk about how to leverage Donors Choose for creative, hands-on activities for secondary level students. We'll also discuss our literacy night and how we use the library to build community.
	Finding Beats Searching: Great Research Tools from FindIt VA	Access to accurate and easy-to-use information is more essential now than ever. But too often resources are difficult to use or offer less than useful guidance. Find out about updates and additions to the Find It Virginia collection from the Library of Virginia that support research needs for students K-12.
	Meeting Virginia Authors - YA	Up to ten Virginia authors of YA books will present their books and speak about their author visits.
	Genrification: Not Just for Fiction Anymore	In the spring of 2022 we embarked on a weeding project that turned into a genrefying project focused on biography and non-fiction in our high school library. This session will walk through our process and offer pathways for others to begin genrefication across your library.
<b>Session 6</b> (11:00am - 11:45am)	VAASL Supervisors Section Round Table	This is an opportunity for those in supervisory leadership (or those who aspire to leadership) to come and talk about topics current in school librarianship and education.
	Reading Makes Cents: Launching the Middle School Program	This session introduces a new program sponsored by Virginia 529 and the Virginia Council on Economic Education. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn the featured titles, ways to implement the content and how to apply for free books. This session includes an annotated bibliography and door prizes.
	Teaching History through Literature with a Focus on Empathy	Explore the era of school busing through HEY, WHITE GIRL (2023 YAVA Award Nominee), in conjunction with fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and memoir. Activities presented may be adapted to a historical or literary focus, with emphasis on critical thinking skills and examination of differing perspectives to promote empathy.
	Improving My Community, One Student Voice at a Time	Journey with me as I share my path to amplifying student voices through writing and video production within my school and the larger community. I will share examples in the field, show technologies and platforms used, give ideas for grant funding, and share examples of student productions and writings.
	Breaking Out of the High School Library	Struggling to get middle and high school classes to come to the library for lessons other than research or book checkout? Learn how librarians at Independence HS have used BreakoutEDU kits and digital breakouts to collaborate with more teams and advocate for our makerspace!
	You Can't Judge a Book By Its Cover	John Rocco will cover the history of book jackets, his own process for creating the jackets for the Percy Jackson Books, and how you can encourage students to make their own jackets for books in the library.
	Literature Out Loud	Come hear about the recent middle grade and young adult books we have read this year! You can gather ideas and make lists of titles to add to your middle and high school library collections. We will cover new and popular reads across multiple genres and formats.
	Project-Based Learning for Elementary Grades	Curious about Project-Based Learning? Join this session by the author of Project-Based Learning for Elementary Grades to learn how to facilitate, adapt, and create PBL projects in the library or when collaborating with other educators. One participant will receive a free book.
	Connecting SEL and AASL School Library Standards	During the pandemic as we were looking at being indispensable, CCPS librarians worked with our SEL Coordinator making connections to libraries and SEL curriculum from CASEL. Here is how we connected AASL Standards to the 5 SEL Components. We didn't have to reinvent the wheel; we just shifted the view! (Hope to be able to make connections also to the new AASL Standards Publication, Social and Emotional Learning for Picture Book Readers- if it comes out this summer like its being advertised.)

<b>Session 7</b> (1:30pm - 2:15pm)	We Hear You: Amplify Student Voice with a Library Advisory Committee	Having a library advisory committee allows students to share their ideas and take co-ownership of the library space and programming. In this presentation, we will share how we started our library advisory committee and how much the resulting student input has changed our school library in so many positive ways!
	Social Studies Buddies	Become best buddies with your middle school studies teachers! I will share activities created in collaboration with 6th- and 7th-grade social studies, many of which can be adapted for other subjects and grade levels. We have lessons, games, breakouts, stations, eBooks made with Book Creator, and more!
	The story behind SEEKING FREEDOM: The Untold Story of Fortress Monroe and the Ending of Slavery in America	Author Selene Castrovilla presents SEEKING FREEDOM, a dramatic Civil War picture book about a courageous enslaved fugitive who teams with a Union general to save a Union fort from the Confederates—and triggers the end of slavery in the US. This is a story all students in Virginia should know!
	Snowflakes and Stories: Evening Community Events in the Library	Find out how to host an engaging evening event in your library on a low budget in collaboration with grade level teachers. We will pair stories to make and take projects such as folding an old book into a hedgehog, creating giant snowflakes, or making a snowman in a snowstorm.
	Maker Spacing It Work with Science	Questioning what to do with your library Maker Space? Do you want to collaborate more with your science classes? This session is for those looking to integrate science into their library lessons. If it's difficult to see the connections and applications between what the library has to offer and the science curriculum, then this is the session for you! Participants will leave the session with specific lessons that can be used to integrate Maker Space materials with science classes.
	Making LGBTQ+ Students Proud of Their Library	Almost 2 million teenagers, or about 10%, identify as LGBTQ+. How might your library enhance its support for these students and their needs? Learn more about strategies to better include and welcome LGBTQ+ students in your library and common mistakes to avoid. Let's help your library have more pride!
	Book Scavenger Hunts	Want to engage your school community, show them librarians do more than check in and out books, and highlight books and reading? Come see how to plan a book scavenger hunt throughout the neighborhoods of your school! Promote outdoor activity, friend and family bonding and collaboration, and reading!
<b>Session 8</b> (2:30pm - 3:15pm)	School Library Instruction through the Eyes of a Teacher	Having trouble getting teachers to collaborate with you? In this session we will address common misconceptions teachers have about the librarian and the school library program and how to change these misconceptions to create more collaboration opportunities and build stronger teacher-librarian relationships.
	Creative Curriculum Connections	Do you need ideas for teaching specific curriculum objectives? Look no further! In this session, you'll hear about K-5 library lessons that include STEM, breakouts, & hands-on activities to enhance student learning & connect to specific Va. SOLs. Walk away with fresh ideas for lessons you can implement immediately!
	Using Google to Find Open-Source Scholarly Education Articles	Are you or your colleagues attending graduate school or do you support educators seeking scholarly content? In this hands-on session, attendees will use Google to search the ERIC, ReasearchGate, and CORE databases and other sources of peer-reviewed or refereed content. Attendees will learn that the National Library of Medicine's PubMed database is an outstanding source for scholarly education articles on K-12 subjects. Finding scholarly content will be much less stressful after learning to use Google to search the open-source databases.
	Building Relationships with Administration and Teachers	Take time to build relationships in your building and develop a team of enthusiastic collaborators and advocates for your library program.
	Turn a Phrase and Tell Your Story: Tips on Writing for Publication	Attend this session to get tips and suggestions on how you can effectively write and market an article for publication, from the VAASL Voice to social media and beyond. In addition to being a high school librarian, the presenter is a journalist and editor with more than 30 years of professional experience.
	Students with a Choice Have a Voice: Helping Readers Find Their Story	NovelList from the Library of Virginia enables you to help readers of any age discover stories that support and reflect their lives. With your local public library card, NoveList allows you to support both students and teachers with reading suggestions, booklists, program ideas, and to develop your own book knowledge.
	22-23 VRC Middle and High School Titles and More!	Come learn about the 22-23 VRC Middle and High School titles as well as the process, create ways to promote and integrate as well as how to be a part of this amazing committee!
	Encouraging Understanding and Empathy for the Immigrant Experience	Immigrant students need to see themselves in the books they read. Privileged students need to understand the immigrant experience. Using my book, The Little House of Hope, and other picture books about the immigrant experience, I will give librarians strategies with which to build empathy and understanding in their students.
24 Elementary Unit Plans: Because Your Clock is Ticking	"A lot can happen in a day." With these 4-week unit plans for grades K-5 you'll be ready for anything! We'll share all our parts: objectives, lesson summaries, photos, shopping lists, challenges, and modifications. Lessons include a mix of traditional and non-traditional library topics such as coding, video creation, research, games, podcasts, and all the fun stuff that make "specials" special.	