



Virginia Association
of School Librarians

2018 Annual Conference: “Gearing Up for the Future”

November 29- December 1, 2018

Williamsburg, VA




Conference Overview:

Gearing up for the future is truly at the heart of every school's mission statement. Our 2018 Annual Conference theme embraces this important task of preparing students for the future. VAASL is excited to hold its annual conference at the beautiful and historic Williamsburg Lodge which resides in the heart of Colonial Williamsburg. This site is home to the world's largest living history museum, boasting over forty sites and trades, four historic taverns, and two world-class art museums. Look for some surprises as we immerse ourselves in this historic venue and learn new ways to gear up for the future.



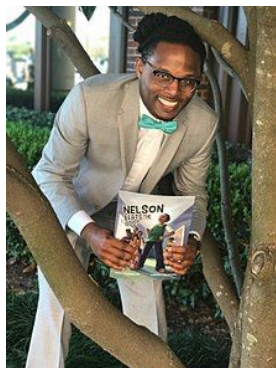


Featured Speakers

	<p><u>Thursday, Keynote Speaker - Leslie Preddy</u> Leslie Preddy is an award winning middle school librarian, Past President of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), Co-editor of <i>School Library Connection</i> and the author of three books, as well as numerous articles. She is an expert on makerspaces in the library and will discuss the history of the modern maker movement, the research behind maker education, and how to integrate a makerspace into a school library. https://blog.schoollibraryconnection.com/tag/leslie-preddy/</p>
	<p><u>Friday Keynote Speaker - Alan Gratz</u> Alan Gratz is the New York Times bestselling author of numerous novels for young readers. His latest NY Times bestseller is <i>Refugee</i>.</p> <p>Alan's General Session topic will be "<i>The Repair of the World</i>". He states "with empathy seemingly at an all-time low, the world appears more fractured than ever. How do we put it back together? One book at a time." https://www.alangratz.com/</p>
	<p><u>Friday Night Awards Banquet - April Henry</u> April Henry is a best-selling author of over 21 young adult mystery-thrillers including <i>Girl Stolen</i> and <i>Body in the Woods</i>. April's keynote will focus on her research process and how it shapes her stories. She'll illustrate how real life research is important to creating stories full of tension and authenticity, as well as characters that readers care about. She'll also discuss how real-life stories can become the spark for fiction. Join us as we celebrate the Librarian of the Year from each region and recognize the 2018 Virginia Librarian of the year. http://www.aprilhenry.com/</p>



Featured Speakers (cont.)



Saturday Breakfast and Author Panel with Victoria Jamieson, Kathryn Otoshi and Ronnie Sidney, moderated by Leslie Preddy

You don't want to miss the Saturday morning Author's Breakfast! The panel of authors will be discussing their experiences and how words and images come together to empower young readers.

The panel features: Victoria Jamieson, author of *Roller Girl* and *The Great Pet Escape*; Kathryn Otoshi, author *Zero, One, and Two*; and Ronnie Sidney, Virginia's own author of *Nelson Beats the Odds* and *Dreamscape: Laruna*. Each of these authors has a unique perspective with a common theme of empowerment and resilience. Authors will be available for book signing following the presentation.

<http://www.victoriajamieson.com/>

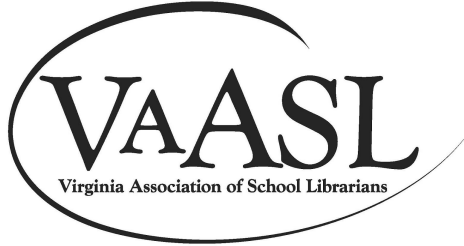


<http://www.kokidsbooks.com/kositef.html>

<http://www.creative-medicine.com/meet-the-owner-1.html>



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Special Events

<p>Exhibit Hall and Grand Opening</p> 	<p>Thursday, Nov. 29th at 8am</p> <p>During this event, door prizes will be awarded to lucky attendees and a continental breakfast will be served in the Exhibit Hall.</p> <p>The Exhibit Hall will feature a Makerspace for the first time this year!</p> <p><i>Free event/ticket required</i></p>
<p>President's Reception</p> 	<p>Thursday, Nov. 29th from 4:30pm - 6:00pm</p> <p>Join VAASL President Laurie Bolt in the Exhibit Hall for this complimentary reception to celebrate our exhibitors and participants. By signing up for this reception, you will receive a complimentary drink ticket in your registration packet.</p> <p><i>Free event/ticket required</i></p>
<p>Folklore & Ghost Tour of Colonial Williamsburg</p> 	<p>Thursday, Nov. 29th from 6:00pm- 7:00pm</p> <p>Join us for a journey by candlelight through the streets of historic Colonial Williamsburg. Participants will hear some folklore, stories of the past, and may even see a ghost! The guided tour will begin and end at the Williamsburg Lodge.</p> <p><i>Ticketed pay event (\$10.00- sign up)</i></p>



Conference Schedule

Wednesday-11/28/18

5:00 - 8:00 General Registration

Thursday- 11/29/18

8:00 Exhibit Hall Grand Opening**
8:45-9:45 Concurrent Session
10:00-11:30 First General Session and Keynote Address: Leslie Preddy
11:30-1:00 Lunch Break with Vendors
1:00-2:00 Concurrent Session
2:15-3:15 Concurrent Session
3:30-4:30 Concurrent Session
4:30-6:00 Idea Lab and President's Reception in Exhibit Hall and Virginia Foyer**
6:00-7:00 Ghost Tour- Colonial Williamsburg *
8:00-9:00 Alumni groups

Friday- 11/30/18

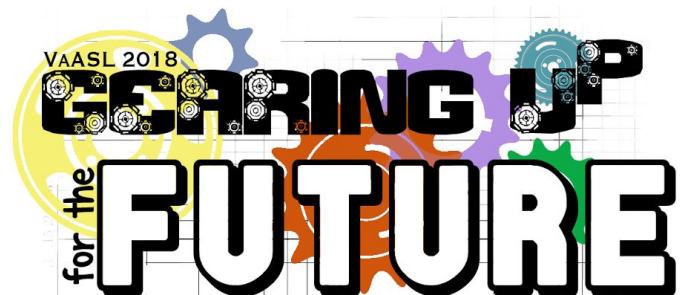
8:00-9:00 Concurrent Session
8:00- 1:30 Exhibit Hall Open
8:00 Coffee in Exhibit Hall
9:15-10:15 Concurrent Session
10:15-11:00 Snack Break in the Exhibit Hall
11:00-12:00 Concurrent Session
12:00-1:30 Lunch
1:30-2:30 Concurrent Session
1:30 Exhibit Hall Closes
2:45-4:30 General Session II : Alan Gratz
6:00-9:00 Reception and Awards Banquet: April Henry *

Saturday

8:00-10:00 Breakfast and Author Panel :
Victoria Jamieson, Kathryn Otoshi and Ronnie Sidney, moderated by Leslie Preddy *
10:15- 11:15 Concurrent Sessions
11:30- 12:30 Concurrent Sessions

**Ticketed Pay-Event*

***Free event but ticket required*





Registration Information

VAASL is now offering a registration bundle that includes lunch both Thursday and Friday. You will receive a wristband in your registration packet. Wristbands will not be available for purchase onsite.

Membership Reminder: To register for the conference using member rates, your non-lifetime membership must be renewed/processed prior to arrival at the conference. The VAASL membership year is October 1 - September 30. If you renew your membership on or after July 1, 2018, your membership will continue through September 30, 2019.

VAASL membership is only \$50 (\$5.00 more if you want a mailed copy of the VAASL Voice). Among the many benefits is a greatly reduced rate for the annual conference. Only members qualify for "early bird" registration.

To renew your membership or join VAASL, visit the [VAASL Home Page](#) and click on "Membership" at the top.

Concurrent Session Presenters: If your proposal for a concurrent session is accepted, you will register for the conference at a discounted price using the URL included in your acceptance email.

Bring a Classroom Teacher: Back by popular demand, each paying librarian can bring a classroom teacher for only \$100.00! In order to take advantage of this promotion, please go to the [GROUP REGISTRATION](#) form and register the first person at the appropriate member or nonmember rate and the teacher at the "register a classroom teacher" rate of just \$100.00.

Cancellation: To cancel your registration, send a written request postmarked on or before November 1, 2018 to VAASL 2018 Conference % Conference Solutions LLC, P.O. Box 7276 Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7276, fax 1-703-493-9377 or email vaasl@customconference.com. A cancellation fee of \$50.00 will be charge. No refunds for cancellations after Nov. 1, 2018. Refunds will be processed after the conference.

Early Bird Registration:

MEMBER RATES WILL INCREASE BY \$30.00 PER PERSON AFTER THE EARLY BIRD DEADLINE OF OCTOBER 2, 2017

Member Early Bird - Full Conference	\$160.00
Member Early Bird - Full Conference w/Lunch Bundle	\$210.00
Member Early Bird - Thursday Only	\$105.00
Member Early Bird - Thursday Only w/Lunch included	\$130.00
Member Early Bird - Friday Only	\$105.00
Member Early Bird - Friday Only w/Lunch included	\$130.00
Member Early Bird- Saturday Only (includes Authors' Breakfast)	\$ 80.00

Non Member Rates:

Non Member - Full Conference	\$250.00
Non Member - Full Conference w/Lunch Bundle	\$300.00
Non Member - Thursday Only	\$195.00
Non Member - Thursday Only w/Lunch included	\$220.00
Non Member - Friday Only	\$195.00
Non Member - Friday Only w/Lunch included	\$220.00
Non Member - Saturday Only (Includes Authors Breakfast)	\$170.00
Retiree Early Bird - Full Conference	\$110.00
Retiree Early Bird - Full Conference w/Lunch Bundle	\$160.00
Bring a Classroom Teacher (in conjunction with a librarian)	\$100.00
Bring a Classroom Teacher w/Lunch Bundle (in conjunction with a librarian)	\$150.00

Ticketed Events:

- Nov. 29, 2018, 8:00 - 9:00 - Exhibit Hall Grand Opening w/Continental Breakfast -\$0.00
- Nov. 29, 2018, 4:30pm - 6:00pm - President's Reception - \$0.00
- Nov. 29, 2018, 6:00pm -7:00pm Folklore & Ghost Tour of Colonial Williamsburg-\$10.00
- Nov. 39, 2018, 6:00pm - 9:00pm - Awards Banquet with April Henry - \$50.00
- Dec. 1, 2018, 8:00 - 10:00 - Breakfast Author Panel - \$30.00



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