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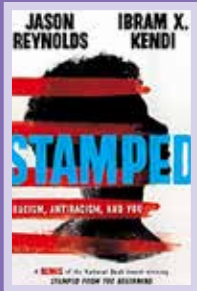
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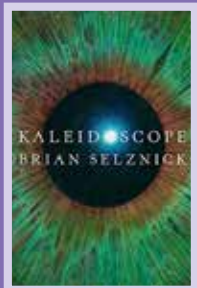
JASON REYNOLDS

Jason Reynolds is an award-winning and *New York Times* bestselling author. He currently serves as the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. Jason's many books include *All American Boys*, *Miles Morales: Spider Man*, the *Track series* (*Ghost*, *Patina*, *Sunny*, and *Lu*), *Stuntboy*, *In the Meantime*, *Long Way Down*, which received both a Newbery Honor and a Printz Honor, and *Look Both Ways*, that was longlisted for the National Book Award. His novel, *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning*, co-written with Ibram X. Kendi, is a #1 *New York Times* bestseller. Jason has appeared on *The Daily Show* with Trevor Noah, *Late Night* with Seth Meyers, and *CBS This Morning*. He is on faculty at Lesley University, for the Writing for Young People MFA Program and lives in Washington, DC. You can find his ramblings at JasonWritesBooks.com.

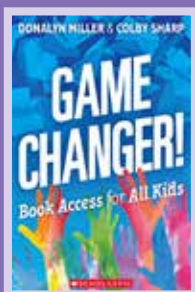


BRIAN SELZNICK

Brian Selznick's books have garnered countless accolades worldwide, and have been translated into more than 35 languages. He is the Caldecott Medal-winning creator of the #1 *New York Times* bestsellers *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*, adapted into Martin Scorsese's Oscar-winning movie *Hugo*, and *Wonderstruck*, adapted by celebrated filmmaker Todd Haynes, with a screenplay by Selznick, as well as *The Marvels*, which is loosely connected to *Hugo* and *Wonderstruck* by themes of family and discovery. Selznick recently worked with Christopher Wheeldon on a new narrative for a re-imagined *Nutcracker* at the Joffrey Ballet. Before becoming a children's book illustrator, Selznick worked as a puppeteer and a set designer, and began his career as a bookseller at Eeyore's Books for Children in New York City. His most recent projects are *Baby Monkey*, *Private Eye*, a 200-page illustrated book for beginning readers co-written with his husband, Dr. David Serlin, *Live Oak, with Moss*, his first book for an adult audience, and *Kaleidoscope*, a groundbreaking story of love, loss, and a friendship that transcends time. Selznick divides his time between Brooklyn, New York, and San Diego, California.



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DONALYN MILLER

Donalyn Miller has taught upper elementary and middle school students in northeast Texas and received TCTELA's 2018 Edmund J. Farrell Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to literacy education. She is the author of several books about engaging children with reading, including *The Book Whisperer* and *Reading in the Wild*. Donalyn is the co-founder of the popular blog, *The Nerdy Book Club*, and co-hosts the monthly Twitter Chat #titledtalk. Her articles about teaching and reading have appeared in publications such as *School Library Journal*, *Education Week Teacher*, *The Reading Teacher*, *Educational Leadership*, *Horn Book*, and *The Washington Post*. Donalyn is currently working on a new book with Teri Lesesne and recently announced her fifth book, co-authored with Colby Sharp, *The Common Sense Book on Classroom Libraries*, will be published in 2022.



SONJA CHERRY-PAUL

Sonja Cherry-Paul's research and work stem from an unyielding commitment to anti-bias and antiracist pedagogy and practices. She has taught middle school students for twenty years. As the co-founder of the Race Matters Committee, Sonja spotlighted and centered issues related to race and racism and provided faculty and staff with the language and tools to facilitate conversations with students about race. At the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, Sonja leads PD for staff developers, teachers, and administrators and guides the development of culturally responsive and antiracist curriculum for elementary, middle, and high school students. She is the host of The Black Creators Series that highlights the powerful ways the works of Black authors and illustrators can live in classrooms. Sonja is the co-founder of the Institute for Racial Equity in Literacy, an annual institute that provides PD that supports educators. Sonja has adapted the #1 *New York Times* Best Seller *Stamped (For Kids)*. She is the co-author of four books published by Heinemann: *Teaching Interpretation: Using Text-Based Evidence to Construct Meaning*, *Flip Your Writing Workshop: A Blended Learning Approach*, *Breathing New Life into Book Clubs: A Practical Guide for Teachers*, and *Critical Literacy: Unlocking Contemporary Fiction*.



JOELLE CHARBONNEAU

Joelle Charbonneau has performed in opera and musical theatre productions across Chicagoland. Joelle is the author of the *New York Times* and *USA Today* best selling *The Testing* trilogy (*The Testing*, *Independent Study*, and *Graduation Day*), the fantasy duology *Dividing Eden* and *Eden Conquered* as well as the YA thrillers, *Need* and *Time Bomb*. Her books have appeared on the Indie Next List, on the YALSA Top 10 books as well as the YALSA Quick Picks for reluctant readers as well as dozens of state reading lists across the country. The conclusion to the *Verify* thriller series, *Disclose*, which explores the power of words to shape our world, was released in September of 2020. To learn more, visit Joelle at her website: www.joellecharbonneau.com.



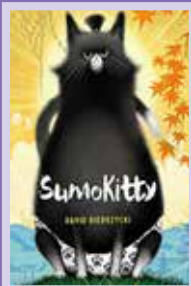
IBI ZOBOI

Ibi Zoboi is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich*, a middle-grade debut, the Young Adult novels, *American Street*, a National Book Award Finalist and *New York Times* Notable Book, and *Pride*, a contemporary remix of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. She is also the co-author of *Punching the Air* with prison reform activist, Dr. Yusef Salaam of the Exonerated Five, and editor of *Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America*. Ibi holds an MFA in Writing for Children & Young Adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts. Her writing has been published in *The New York Times Book Review*, the *Horn Book Magazine*, and *The Rumpus*, among others. As an educator, she is the recipient of several grants from the Brooklyn Arts Council for her community-based programs for teen girls in both Brooklyn and Haiti. She's worked for arts organizations such as Teachers & Writers Collaborative and Community Word Project as a writer-in-residence and teaching artist in New York City public schools. Born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti and raised in New York City, Ibi now lives in Maplewood, New Jersey with her husband and their three children. You can find her online at www.ibizoboi.net.



CHRIS GRABENSTEIN

Chris Grabenstein is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Mr. Lemoncello* series, the *Smartest Kid* series, the *Dog Squad* series, the *Welcome to Wonderland* series, and the *Haunted Mystery* series. Chris is also the co-author with James Patterson of the *I Funny*, *House of Robots*, *Treasure Hunters*, *Jacky Ha-Ha*, *Word of Mouse*, *Best Nerds Forever*, *Katt Vs. Dogg*, the *Max Einstein* series, and many more. Chris also wrote the acclaimed *Shine!* with his wife J.J. Grabenstein. Winner of numerous awards, Chris writes fast-paced and fun page-turners. He is also a playwright and screenwriter, not to mention a former advertising executive and improvisational comedian. These days, Chris lives in New York City with his wife J.J. and their cats. He is always writing and working on new ideas. You can visit Chris at ChrisGrabenstein.com and on Twitter at [@CGrabenstein](https://twitter.com/CGrabenstein).



DAVID BIEDRZYCKI

David Biedrzycki has loved to draw since he was 4 years old. In his youth, he created stories for his parents and friends. As an adult, he became a commercial artist whose work has appeared in magazines, newspapers, book covers, billboards and even ice cream boxes. Since illustrating his first children's book in 1996, David has illustrated over 30 books including self-authored and award winning *Ace Lacewing*, *Bug Detective* series, *Me and My Dragon* series and his newest series *Breaking News Bear Alert*, a Junior Library Guild Selection and winner of the Illinois Monarch Picture Book Award and the Georgia State Picture Book Award. David travels the world extensively to over 100 schools a year sharing his digital book making process with aspiring young writers, illustrators and readers. You can visit David at www.davidbiedrzycki.com.



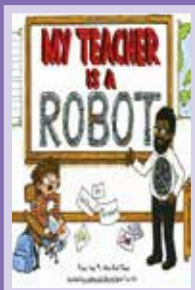
JAN RICHARDSON

Jan Richardson is an author, education consultant, reading specialist, former Reading Recovery® Teacher Leader, and former classroom teacher (K-college). Her best-selling collection includes *The Next Step Forward in Guided Reading*, *Guided Reading Teacher's Companion*, *Next Step Guided Reading in Action*, *Next Step Guided Reading Assessment* (co-authored with Maria Walther), *Next Step Forward in Reading Intervention* (co-authored with Ellen Lewis), *Next Step in Word Study and Phonics* (co-authored with Michele Dufresne), *Literacy Footprints: A Complete System for Supporting Guided Reading* (also co-authored with Michele Dufresne) and, her latest book, *Next Step Forward in Running Records* (co-authored with C.C. Bates and Maryann McBride). Jan's widely acclaimed *Next Step Forward* approach to guided reading has now been reframed into a highly effective short-term intervention program for elementary and middle school students. *RISE (Reading that Inspires Students to Excel)* includes engaging leveled books and detailed lesson plans that provide targeted, intensive instruction in reading comprehension and fluency, word study and phonics, and guided writing. Her goal is for every student to become a better reader who just can't wait to read another book.



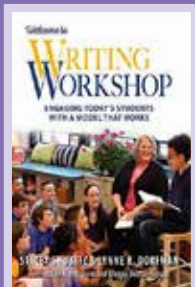
JEFFREY BROWN

Jeffrey Brown is the best selling author and illustrator of the middle grade *Jedi Academy* series as well as the *Darth Vader and Son* series and the *Lucy & Andy Neanderthal* series. When he was a kid, Jeffrey always dreamed of growing up to draw comics and make books for a living – and now he's living that dream! Jeffrey has written a number of autobiographical books for adults, humorous graphic novels about cats, and parodies like *Incredible Change-Bots*. Jeffrey's latest books are *Once Upon a Space-Time!* and *A Total Waste of Space-Time!*, a series that is an out-of-this-world adventure perfect for the astronaut-in-training in your life!



LYNNE DORFMAN

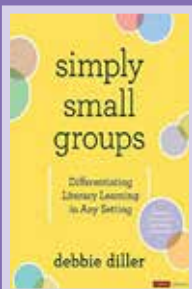
Lynne Dorfman, a native of Philadelphia, has served as a classroom teacher, literacy coach, reading specialist, and staff developer in her 38 years at Upper Moreland School District. She is now co-director for the Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project where she serves on the blog team, adjunct professor at Arcadia University, and works directly with teachers in classrooms as an independent literacy consultant. Lynne is co-author of *Grammar Matters: Lessons, Tips, and Conversations Using Mentor Texts, K-6* and *A Closer Look: Learning More About Our Writers with Formative Assessment, K-6*. Her newest book, *Welcome to Writing Workshop: Engaging Today's Students with a Model That Works*, is written with *Jump Into Writing!* co-author Stacey Shubitz.





DEBBIE DILLER

Debbie Diller, a national consultant and author, has been an early childhood/elementary educator for over 40 years. Debbie uses her experience as a classroom teacher, Title I reading specialist, and literacy coach to teach others about sensible, realistic ways to meet the differentiated literacy needs of all students in the classroom. She is known for her groundbreaking work on independent learning, small group instruction, and classroom design, and has authored many books, videos, and an online course which are widely used in classrooms and universities throughout North America. Debbie's latest book series, *Simply Stations*, was inspired by her work in classrooms (and a dream!) to answer the question, "How do I provide meaningful practice for the rest of the class when I'm meeting with a small group?"



MATT TAVARES

New York Times bestselling author-illustrator Matt Tavares created his first picture book as his senior project in college. It eventually became *Zachary's Ball*, which received a Massachusetts Book Award Honor, and was named one of Yankee Magazine's 40 Classic New England Children's Books. Since then, he has illustrated more than twenty more books, nine of which he also wrote. Three titles received Parents' Choice Gold Awards, two were named ALA Notable Books, one was an Orbis Pictus Honor Book, and eleven were selected by the Society of Illustrators for their annual Original Art exhibit. When Matt's not working in his studio on his latest book project, he travels the country speaking (and drawing) at schools, libraries, conferences, and bookstores. He has presented at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the Eric Carle Museum, the White House Easter Egg Roll, and he's even done a few book signings at Fenway Park. Matt lives in Maine with his wife, Sarah, and their two daughters.



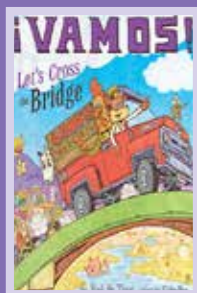
LAUREN TARSHIS

Lauren Tarshis's *New York Times* bestselling *I Survived* series tells stories of young people and their resilience and strength in the midst of unimaginable disasters and times of turmoil. Lauren has brought her signature warmth and exhaustive research to topics such as the battle of D-Day, the American Revolution, Hurricane Katrina, the bombing of Pearl Harbor, and other world events. Her most recent book, *I Survived the California Wildfires, 2018* and upcoming book, *I Survived the Galveston Hurricane, 1900*, are no different. The *I Survived* series is currently being adapted into graphic novels, with *I Survived the Nazi Invasion, 1944* being released earlier this year. She lives in Connecticut with her family, and can be found online at laurentarshis.com.





RAÚL THE THIRD



Raúl The Third (a.k.a. Raúl Gonzalez) is the Pura Belpre Medal award-winning illustrator of the dynamic graphic novel, *Lowriders to the Center of the Earth*, as well as the other graphic novels in the series, *Lowriders in Space* and *Lowriders Blast from the Past*. His most recent books, *¡Vamos! Let's Go Eat*, *¡Vamos! Let's Go to the Market*, and *¡Vamos! Let's Cross the Bridge* are a Mexican-American makeover of Richard Scarry's *Busytown*, which teaches readers simple words in Spanish. Growing up in El Paso, Texas, Raúl loved reading comics. On Sundays, when his father sent him to buy the *El Paso Times* at the 7-Eleven, Raúl would head right for the spinner racks and thumb through the *Ralph Snart Adventures* and *Bucky O'Hare*. Raúl loved to draw, too, but he didn't always have access to art supplies. At fifteen, Raúl got a job at Bill's Coins, Cards, Stamps & Comics, but it wasn't until high school that his love for drawing truly blossomed. Raúl was a huge fan of *Lowrider* magazine, especially the fan art usually created with BIC pens, which became (and still are) his tools of choice. These days, Raúl lives with his wife, Elaine, and son, Raúl the Fourth, in Medford, Massachusetts.



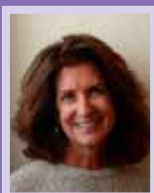
BRENDAN KIELY



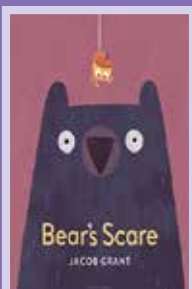
Brendan Kiely is co-author with Jason Reynolds of the young adult novel, *All American Boys*, which won the Coretta Scott King Honor Award and the inaugural Walter Dean Myers Award for outstanding children's literature in the young adult category. Brendan is also the author of the novel *The Gospel of Winter*, which has been published in ten languages and was selected as one of the American Library Association's Top Ten Best Fiction Books for Young Adults 2015 and named a Kirkus Reviews selection for Best of 2014. Brendan's latest young adult novels are the highly acclaimed *The Last True Love Story* and *Tradition*. Brendan attended The City College of New York where he earned an MFA in creative writing. Brendan found his enthusiasm for young people working at a high school in New York City for ten years before becoming a full time writer. These days, Brendan lives with his wife in Greenwich Village.



BLUE BALLIETT



Blue Balliett grew up in New York City, where she often visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Guggenheim Museum, and the Frick Collection. She took public transportation to school around the city, and discovered early that every crowded bus or train is packed with mystery and drama and that stories are everywhere. Balliett studied art history at Brown University. She and her family lived year-round on Nantucket Island for many years, and now live in Chicago. Before becoming a full-time writer, she taught at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools. Balliett is a recipient of the Chicago Public Library's 21st Century Award, the first time the award was given to a children's book writer. She has appeared on NBC's Today Show and has been featured in various national and international publications.



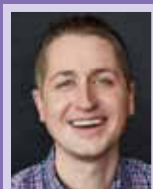
JACOB GRANT

Jacob Grant writes and illustrates stories for children, absurd and heartfelt stories. Originally from Ohio, Jacob now lives in Chicago with his patient wife and two less-than-patient children. His latest book, *No Pants!*, is a laugh-out-loud father-son drama in which the dad learns an important and timely lesson – pants are NOT for everyone! He also illustrated the hilarious interactive book, *This Book Can Read your Mind*, by Susannah Lloyd. His other books include: *Bear Meets Bear*, *Bear Out There*, *Bear's Scare*, *Through With The Zoo*, *Cat Knit*, *Scaredy Kate*, and *Little Bird's Bad Word*. You can learn more about Jacob's work at jacobgrantbooks.com.



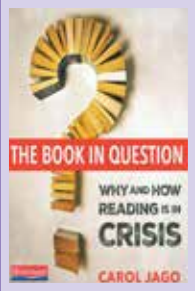
PERNILLE RIPP

Since Pernille Ripp was a child growing up in Denmark, she knew she wanted to work with kids. She began her journey in education as a math resource teacher, then transitioned into the classroom as a 4th and 5th-grade teacher, and has now found her home as a 7th-grade English teacher in Oregon, Wisconsin. Pernille is also a speaker, author, blogger, mom, and passionate advocate for education. She's an award-winning speaker in literacy and technology integration, and dedicates her life efforts to uplifting engaged and empowered students. She is also the founder of The Global Read Aloud that has connected millions of students in more than 85 countries. Pernille's books and blogs are sources of tremendous inspiration and insight for teachers, parents, and educators around the world. Her newest book is *Passionate Readers - The Art of Reaching and Engaging Every Child*. Pernille is also the author of *Passionate Learners - How to Engage and Empower Your Students*; *Empowered Schools, Empowered Students*; and *Reimagining Literacy Through Global Collaboration*. She believes in having the courage to change and even break the rules for the good of kids and education. Besides being with her own family, there is no place she would rather be every day than in the classroom, teaching her awesome students.



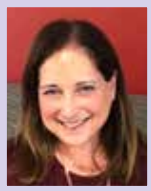
JOHN SCHU

John Schu (a.k.a. Mr. Schu) has built a career out of advocating for the people and things he cares about most: kids, books, and the libraries — and librarians! — that connect them. He was named a Library Journal Mover and Shaker for his dynamic interactions with students and his passionate adoption of new technologies as a means of connecting authors, illustrators, books, and readers. He has served on numerous American Library Association committees, including the Newbery Award selection committee, inspired a new generation of librarians as a part-time lecturer at Rutgers University, and shared his love of reading with countless educators and students as the Ambassador of School Libraries for Scholastic Book Fairs.



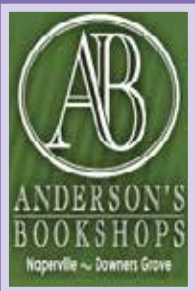
CAROL JAGO

Carol Jago has taught English in middle and high school for 32 years and is associate director of the California Reading and Literature Project at UCLA. She served as president of the National Council of Teachers of English and chair of the College Board's English Academic Advisory committee. She has published many books with Heinemann including *The Book in Question: Why and How Reading Is in Crisis*. She is also author of *With Rigor for All: Meeting Standards for Reading Literature* and *Cohesive Writing: Why Concept Is Not Enough* and published books on contemporary multicultural authors for NCTE. Carol edits *California English*, the journal of the California Association of Teachers of English, and worked on the planning committee for the 2009 National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP) Reading Framework and the 2011 NAEP Writing Framework. She is a consulting author on the new Into Reading and Into Literature programs from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.



ALISON GORDON

Alison Gordon is co-founder and facilitator of the Educational Coaching Network of the Masters of Science in Education Program at Northwestern University's School of Education and Social Policy. The ECN provides training and support for teachers, instructional coaches, and school and agency leaders for the development of skills and best professional practices. Alison teaches graduate students in the MSED Teacher Leadership Program; her courses have included Professional Development Design and Implementation, Leading Teacher Teams, Mentoring and Evaluation, and Instructional Coaching. Additionally, Alison provides consultation to the Office of Early Childhood Education in the Chicago Public Schools, as well as trainings through the Illinois Principal's Association. Alison has been a School Principal, Director of Student Services, and Interim Superintendent. Her interests in education include Early Childhood Education, Family and Community Engagement, Mentoring and Coaching, and Equity. Alison's doctoral work was focused on Educational Leadership and excellence in teaching.



BECKY ANDERSON

Becky Anderson Wilkins is the co-owner of Anderson's Bookshops and Anderson's Bookfair Company in Naperville, Downers Grove, and La Grange, Illinois. She has been a children's literature consultant and book buyer for over 25 years. Her family business was awarded the Pannell Award in 2015 for the Best Children's Bookseller in the nation and the Publisher's Weekly Bookstore of the Year in 2011. She is the past-president of the national American Booksellers Association and past president of the Association of Booksellers for Children (ABC) and the Great Lakes Booksellers Association. Her love of reading and placing the right book in the right child's hand is apparent in her co-founding of Naperville Reads, a community-wide reading program and Andrea's Angels, a program that has distributed over 900,000 new and used books to disadvantaged children.



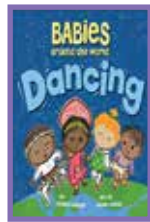
ILLINOIS READS SPEED-DATING EVENT

Join authors of the 2022 Illinois Reads Books for a happy hour speed dating experience! This 2-hour event will bring you face to face with four of the Illinois Reads Authors. You will choose your four-author rotation at the door (rotations will be on a first-come, first-served basis). Participants will spend the hour moving table to table, meeting authors and discussing their books. Participants will receive a book from one of the authors. Appetizers and nonalcoholic drinks are provided with your entry fee and a cash bar will be available. There will be an autograph session with the authors from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., followed by an hour of meeting the Illinois Reads Authors (ten minutes with four of the authors). Illinois Reads books will be available for purchase at this event.

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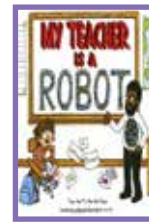
ADI ALSAID
Grades 9-12



TAMARA BARKER
Birth-4



KIRA BIGWOOD
Grades K-2



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Grades K-2



MICHELLE FALKOFF
Grades 9-12



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Grades 9-12



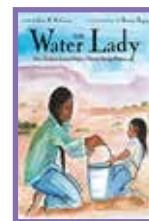
JACOB GRANT
Birth-4



EMILY GRAY TEDROWE
Adult



MILES HARVEY
Adult



ALICE B. MCGINTY
Grades 3-5



KELLY LEIGH MILLER
Birth-4



ANDREW PRAHIN
Grades K-2



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DATE: Friday, March 11, 2022
TIME: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM (*Lunch will be on your own from 12:30-1:30 PM*)
COST: \$20 per person (*This cost is in addition to your conference registration fees*)

PARTICIPANTS EARN:

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Alison Gordon is co-founder and facilitator of the Educational Coaching Network of the Masters of Science in Education Program at Northwestern University's School of Education and Social Policy. The ECN provides training and support for teachers, instructional coaches, and school and agency leaders for the development of skills and best professional practices. Alison teaches graduate students in the MEd Teacher Leadership Program; her courses have included Professional Development Design and Implementation, Leading Teacher Teams, Mentoring and Evaluation, and Instructional Coaching. Alison provides consultation to the Office of Early Childhood Education in the Chicago Public Schools, as well as trainings through the Illinois Principal's Association. Alison has been a School Principal, Director of Student Services, and Interim Superintendent. Her interests in education include Early Childhood Education, Family and Community Engagement, Mentoring and Coaching, and Equity. Alison's doctoral work was focused on Educational Leadership and excellence in teaching.

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Welcome Reception

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

PAL Hotel Ballroom

Complimentary appetizers will be served!

Hear the Authors Read

and Late-Night Autograph Session

Thursday, March 10, 2022
8:30 – 10:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022

5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

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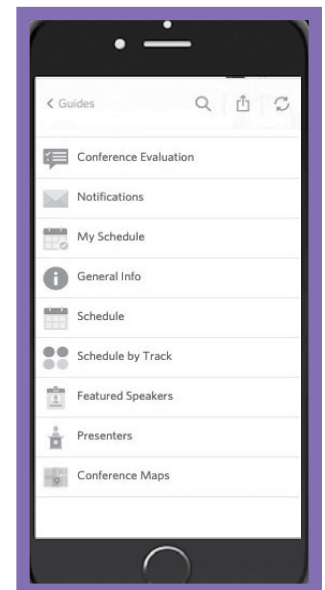


WRITING

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Schedule, Handouts, and More

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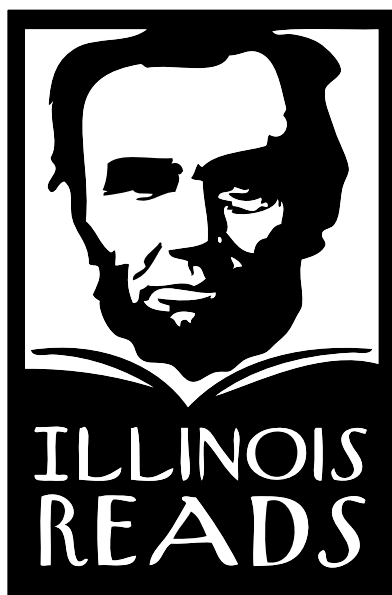
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by Tamara Barker
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by Sherri Duskey Rinker
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by Chris Sheban
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by Chris Raschka

K-2

Bear Island
by Matthew Cordell
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June Almeida, Virus Detective!: The Woman Who Discovered the First Human Coronavirus
by Suzanne Slade
Kindness is a Kite String: The Uplifting Power of Empathy
by Michelle Schaub
Secret, Secret Agent Guy
by Kira Bigwood
Ship in a Bottle
by Andrew Prahin

3-5

Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants: The Questioners Book #2
by Andrea Beaty
Fart Quest
by Aaron Reynolds
Fiery Night: A Boy, His Goat, and the Great Chicago Fire
by Sally M. Walker
Maya and the Robot
by Eve L. Ewing
Simon B. Rhymin'
by Dwayne Reed
The Water Lady: How Darlene Arviso Helps a Thirsty Navajo Nation
by Alice B. McGinty

6-8

Amira & Hamza: The War to Save the Worlds
by Samira Ahmed
Capsized!: The Forgotten Story of the SS Eastland Disaster
by Patricia Sutton
Scratch Scratch
by Lindsay Currie
The Curse of the Mummy: Uncovering Tutankhamun's Tomb
by Candace Fleming
The Robber Girl
by Franny Billingsley
The Shape of Thunder
by Jasmine Warga

9-12

Amazons, Abolitionists, and Activists: A Graphic History of Women's Fight for Their Rights
by Mikki Kendall
Come On In: 15 Stories about Immigration and Finding Home
by Adi Alsaid
Girl on the Ferris Wheel
by Julie Halpern
How to Pack for the End of the World
by Michelle Falkoff
Kingdom of Souls
by Rena Barron
You Know I'm No Good
by Jessie Ann Foley

Adult

How to Write One Song
by Jeff Tweedy
Noor
by Nnedi Okorafor
Sidelined: Sports, Culture, and Being a Woman in America
by Julie DiCaro
The King of Confidence: A Tale of Utopian Dreamers, Frontier Schemers, True Believers, False Prophets, and the Murder of an American Monarch
by Miles Harvey
The Lucky One: A Novel
by Lori Rader-Day
The Talented Miss Farwell: A Novel
by Emily Gray Tedrowe

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Registration - Bank of Springfield Center Lobby	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception - PAL Hotel Ballroom - <i>John Schu</i>	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Registration - Bank of Springfield Center Lobby	7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Orientation for New Participants - PAL Hotel Bond Room	7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
Thursday Breakfast - PAL Hotel Ballroom - <i>Matt Tavares</i>	7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Sessions/Featured Speakers/Workshops	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Exhibits - Bank of Springfield Center Exhibit Hall	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Hall of Councils - Bank of Springfield Center Lower Level	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Refreshments in Exhibit Area - Bank of Springfield Center Exhibit Hall	8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Thursday Luncheon - Wyndham Hotel Grand Ballroom - <i>Debbie Diller</i>	12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday Luncheon - PAL Hotel Ballroom - <i>Jason Reynolds</i>	12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday Lunch Sessions - Bank of Springfield Center	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sessions/Featured Speakers/Workshops	2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Refreshments in Exhibit Area - Bank of Springfield Center Exhibit Hall	3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Illinois Reads Speed-Dating Event - Wyndham Hotel Grand Ballroom	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday PSA Banquet - PAL Hotel Ballroom - <i>Brian Selznick</i>	6:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
Hear the Authors Read and Autographing - Wyndham Hotel Grand Ballroom	8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Friday, March 11, 2022

Registration - Bank of Springfield Center Lobby	7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Friday Breakfast - PAL Hotel Ballroom - <i>Chris Grabenstein</i>	7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Sessions/Featured Speakers/Workshops	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Exhibits - Bank of Springfield Center Exhibit Hall	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Hall of Councils - Bank of Springfield Center Lower Level	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Refreshments in Exhibit Area - Bank of Springfield Center Exhibit Hall	8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Administrators Academy - PAL Hotel Lincoln Room - <i>Alison Gordon</i>	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Friday Luncheon - Wyndham Hotel Grand Ballroom - <i>Donalyn Miller</i>	12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Friday Luncheon - PAL Hotel Ballroom - <i>Ibi Zoboi</i>	12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Friday Lunch Sessions - Bank of Springfield Center	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sessions/Featured Speakers/Workshops	2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Refreshments in Exhibit Area - Bank of Springfield Center Exhibit Hall	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
IRC Annual Membership Meeting - PAL Hotel Lincoln Room	5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Preservice Teachers' Pizza Party - PAL Hotel Ballroom	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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- **Conference Sessions**

All conference sessions will be held in the Bank of Springfield Center, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, and Wyndham Hotel.

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Pre-registered conferees may obtain their registration packets at the Registration Desk in the Bank of Springfield Center Lobby. On-site registration is also available. Hotel reservations and meal function tickets should be secured prior to arrival in Springfield. Registration Hours: Wednesday, March 9 – 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Thursday, March 10 – 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 11 – 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- **Admission to Meetings**

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- **COVID-19 Safety Protocols**

During the conference, IRC will be working with the Springfield venues to adhere to all state and local regulations and guidelines regarding social distancing, gathering, sanitation, and use of face coverings.

- **Special Accommodations**

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- **Food**

All scheduled meal functions require pre-purchased tickets. The concession area in the Bank of Springfield Center will be open during exhibit hours. Springfield restaurant information will be available at the hospitality table in the Bank of Springfield Center Lobby.

- **Hospitality & Information Table**

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7:00 – 8:30

Welcome Reception
**The Gift of Story: Exploring the
Affective Side of the Reading Life**
Featured Speaker: John Schu

Conference Sessions Thursday, March 10, 2022

7:00 – 7:45

Orientation to the IRC Conference (All) Presenters:
Boomer Crotty, Kathleen Sweeney

7:00 – 8:30

Thursday Breakfast
Trying Something New
Featured Speaker: Matt Tavares

8:00 – 9:00

All American Boys (6-12) *Featured Speakers: Jason Reynolds,
Brendan Kiely*

An Educator's Guide to I Survived (All) *Featured Speaker:
Lauren Tarshis*

**Simply Stations: Meaningful Partner Practice during Small
Group Time** (K-5) *Featured Speaker: Debbie Diller*

**Changing the World One Word, One Book and One Reader
at a Time** (All) *Featured Speaker: Joelle Charbonneau*

Everyone's a Teacher in a Writing Community (K-8)
Featured Speaker: Lynne Dorfman

Rock Out Your Curriculum with Breakout EDU Boxes (K-9)
(SRL) *Presenters: April Flood, Collin Mallindine, Madalyn
Balalkhani, Alecia Stacey, Tarryn Monti*

Yoga and Literacy (PreK-6) (SEL) *Presenter: Nicole Wisniewski*

**Considerations and Interventions When Working with Learning
Difficulties such as Dyslexia (PreK-9, Spec, Admin, Lib)**
Presenters: Rivka Varnai, Heera Chandani

**Rockin' Through the Pages: Improving Student Engagement
(K-12) (Reluctant Readers)** *Presenters: Lyndi Davis, Michelle
Mohr, Dawn Williamson, Savannah Brewer*

**Developing Oral Language Through Book Discussions (All)
(Reluctant Readers)** *Presenter: Christy Moore*

**A Piece of Peace: Creating A "Peace Library" in the Early
Childhood Classroom (PreK-3, Univ, Admin, Lib) (SEL)**
Presenter: Natalie Young

**Postcard Field Trip: Using Stories to Travel the World (K-12,
Lib) (Lib)** *Presenter: Nichole Folkman*

**Using Creative Writing to "Sneak" in Grammar and English
Thingies (PreK-12) (Writing)** *Presenter: Darcy Hacke*

**The Science of Reading – What It Is, What It Isn't, and Why It
Matters (All)** *Presenters: Anne Brewster, Laura Stewart*

**We're Back! More Reading Event Fun! (K-6, Admin)
(Librarians)** *Presenters: Barbara Svornik, Patricia Aldrich,
Stephanie Flott*

**The Imperative for Innovation: Rethinking Literacy Instruction
for the 21st Century (PreK-9, ELL, Spec, Univ) (Administration)**
Presenter: Jennifer Dixon

**Family Engagement: The Teen Reading Challenge (6-12)
(Reluctant Readers)** *Presenter: Femi Skanes*

**25 Books That Have Changed Children's Lives (4-9, Lib)
(ICARE)** *Presenter: Boomer Crotty*

**Integrating SEL and Academic Skills in the Middle School
Classroom (6-9, ELL, Spec) (SEL)** *Presenters: Amy Cooley,
Jennifer Henderson*

**Standardizing SEL: Finding Natural Ways to Integrate Social
Emotional Learning into the Common Core Standards (K-12)
(SEL)** *Presenter: Clarissa Saliwanchik*

**Literacy Apps for Struggling Readers (K-12, ELL, Spec)
(Technology)** *Presenter: Donna Wakefield*

**Inclusive Texts Across Instruction (K-6, Univ, Admin, Lib)
(Equity & Diversity)** *Presenter: Aimee Papola-Ellis*

**Reaching ALL Readers Through Effective Foundational
Reading Practices (K-6, Spec, Admin) (Reluctant Readers)**
Presenters: Vicki Miller, Kim Cronin

9:30 – 10:30

New and Notable Books for Grades K-8 (K-8) *Featured Speaker:* Becky Anderson Wilkins

Words and Pictures (All) *Featured Speaker:* Brian Selznick

An Educator's Guide to I Survived (All) *Featured Speaker:* Lauren Tarshis

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Changing the World One Word, One Book and One Reader at a Time (All) *Featured Speaker:* Joelle Charbonneau

Preparing Students For the Scripps Spelling Bee (K-6)
Presenters: Anne Chobot, Trisha Honkoski, Anne Jackson

Scaffold Reading Comprehension Instruction to be Game-Day Ready (4-12, ELL, Spec, Univ, Admin) *Presenter:* Kristina Smekens

FLAIR: A Family Literacy Model for Empowering Parents of K-3 Readers (PreK-3, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin, Lib) (Equity & Diversity) *Presenter:* Michele Byrne

You Mean I Don't Have To Do This Alone? Librarians and Teachers Working Together to Boost the Use of Culturally Responsive Texts (K-12, ELL, Spec, Univ, Lib) (Equity & Diversity) *Presenters:* Jennifer Shah, Belinda Cheek, Nicole Lawton

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words: Looking Through the Lens of Intentionality (4-9) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenters:* Kristen Walsh, Jessica Walsh

Cultivating Classroom Cultures That Disrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline (PreK-12, ELL, Spec, Admin) (Equity & Diversity) *Presenters:* Melissa Wheeler, Bridgette Boyd

The Need for Rich Multicultural Stories in the English High School Classroom: If Not Here, Where? If Not Us, Who? (6-12, Univ, Admin, Lib) (SRL) *Presenter:* Erik Borne

Picture Books For All: Using Picture Books to Meet SEL Standards Across All Grades (All) *Presenter:* Cindi Koudelka

Literature for Children in Trauma (All) (SEL) *Presenter:* Megan McCaffrey

Beyond the Reading Log: Improving How Students Respond To and Discuss Books (K-12, ELL, Admin) (Equity & Diversity)
Presenters: Ben Zulauf, Erin Wolod

More Than a Letter: Using Assessment Results to Guide Reading Instruction (K-3, Admin) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Kristy Piebenga

What Title I Is and Isn't: Research and Reflections from a Title I Professional (K-12, ELL, Spec, Univ, Admin) (Administration)
Presenter: Nancy Oesterreich

Interactive Learning with Choice Boards (K-12, ELL, Spec) (Technology) *Presenter:* Donna Wakefield

Working Through the Tough Stuff: Literacy and Healing from Trauma (4-9) (SEL) *Presenter:* Julie Hoffman

Engaging ALL Readers: Using Inclusive, High Interest Novels and Tech Tools! (9-12) (Librarians) *Presenter:* Katie Russell

11:00 – 12:00

New and Notable Books for Grades K-3 (K-3) *Featured Speaker:* Becky Anderson Wilkins

A Reason for the Picture: Illustrating Nonfiction Picture Books (6-12) *Featured Speaker:* Matt Tavares

Literature with a Listening Heart (6-12) *Featured Speaker:* Brendan Kiely

Comics, Creativity, and Kids (PreK-6) *Featured Speaker:* Jeffrey Brown

Reading Fast and Slow: The Reading Brain in a Digital Age (6-12) (SEL) *Featured Speaker:* Carol Jago

Tuesdays with Morrie: Senior Highlight of Reflection and Gratitude (9-12) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Jacklyn Feldpausch

Books and Bulletin Boards: Adding Ag Literacy to Your Classroom (PreK-6) *Presenters:* Kevin Daugherty, Chris Wyant

Ignite Hungry Minds: Using STEM Picture Books to Stimulate Intellectual Curiosity and Fuel a Search for Answers (PreK-9, Lib) (STEM) *Presenter:* Alice McGinty

Innovative Learning with Technology to Improve Student Achievement (All) (Technology) *Presenters:* Sheila Ruh, Sheryl Sejnost

You've Got the Write Stuff: Amplifying Student Writing Through Conferring (4-9) (Writing) *Presenters:* Kristen Walsh, Tracy Beling

Springing into Culturally Relevant Standards for Teaching and Leading (All) (Equity & Diversity) *Presenter:* Melissa Wheeler

Creating a Culture to Inspire Teens' Gumption to Grip and Grapple with a Book (6-12, Admin, Lib) (SRL) *Presenter:* Erik Borne

Librarians Roundtable (All) (Librarians) *Presenter:* Leslie Forsman

2020 Vision: Selecting and Using P-8 Culturally Relevant Texts in a Digital World (K-9) (Technology) *Presenters:* Karyn Keenan, Dora Guzman, Ruth Quiroa

I Wonder: Literacy and Inquiry Learning in the K-2 Classroom (PreK-3, Admin) *Presenter:* Anastasia Gruper

Reading to Learn while Learning to Read: Multilingual Comprehension Strategies (All) *Presenters:* Cindy Dollman, Sarah Urbanc

Title Grants Q&A (K-12, ELL, Spec, Admin) *Presenter:* Nancy Oesterreich

The Trouble with Technology for Teachers (PreK-12, Spec, Admin) (Technology) *Presenter:* Jennifer Jacknewitz

Teaching Empathy with Read Alouds (K-6, ELL, Spec, Title) (SEL) *Presenters:* Margaret Billhartz, Shari Tockstein

Powerful Writing Communities: My "How-To" Manual (4-12) (Writing) *Presenter:* Steven Layne

5 Things Language Arts Teachers Need to Know about Linguistics (All) (CIRP) *Presenter:* Kristin Lems

1:00 – 2:00

Erasing the Misery of Reading and Spelling Multisyllabic Words (All) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Jill Dickerson

Reaching the Reluctant Writer (3-12) (Writing) *Presenter:* Andrea Pewthers

Motivating Students to Improve Reading Fluency with Read Live (K-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Admin) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Ben Weisner

Applying the Science of Reading with Intensive Phonics Instruction (K-12) (Coaching) *Presenter:* Ethan Lynn

Book Clubs -- A Reimagined Way to Support Student Literacy (4-6, ELL, Admin) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Kristy Rauch

Planting the Seed for Lifelong Readers: Plow Through Your Year with Graphic Novels (4-9) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Stephanie Hospelhorn

Are We Teaching Reading Wrong? Is That Why So Many Children, Teens, and Adults Have Reading Problems? (PreK-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Dee Tadlock

Improving Reading in the Content Areas for English Learners and Students with IEPs (4-12, ELL, Spec) (English Language Learners) *Presenter:* Rita Brusca-Vega

Rebuilding Literacy Through Content-Rich Texts (K-6) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Jamil Odom

What Does Classroom Instruction Look Like When It's Based On Science Of Reading Practices? (K-6) *Presenter:* Karen Venditti

12:15 – 2:00

2:30 – 3:30

Thursday Luncheon
My Top Five Tips for Independent Learning
Featured Speaker: Debbie Diller

Thursday Luncheon
These Three Words
Featured Speaker: Jason Reynolds

New and Notable Books for Grades 4-8 (4-8) *Featured Speaker:* Becky Anderson Wilkins

Adaptation (All) *Featured Speaker:* Brian Selznick

John Schu's Review of Books for You and Your Readers, Too! (K-6) *Featured Speaker:* John Schu

Reading Has Always Surprised Me (All) *Featured Speaker:* Blue Balliett

Awakening Our Dormant Writers: Finding Engaging Topics to Write About (K-6) *Featured Speaker:* Lynne Dorfman

Why Read Poetry (At a Time Like This)? (6-12) (SEL)
Featured Speaker: Carol Jago

“I Really Guess You Can’t Judge a Book By Its Cover.”
Reflections on Reeling in Reluctant Readers through Literacy
Practices (All) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Olabisi Adenekan

Launching and Leveraging Book Clubs in Your Classroom (K-9) (Coaching) *Presenter:* Liz Janusz

Celebrating Student Identities: Using Photographs and Interviews
as Inspiration for Narrative Writing (4-6, ELL, Spec, Adults,
Admin, Lib) (Writing) *Presenter:* Nawal Qarooni Casiano

Using Children’s Literature and Writing as a Springboard to
Teaching Social Justice (K-12, ELL, Lib) (Equity & Diversity)
Presenter: Barbara Ashton

We Will Rock-y You! (K-6, Admin, Lib) (Reluctant Readers)
Presenters: Keta Foltz, Amber Findlay, Christa Curley

Communication Through the Ages Using Quilts (All) (Writing)
Presenters: Pat Braun, Marianne Stremsterfer

Lectoescritura in a Virtual and Traditional Translanguaging
World (PreK-9, ELL) *Presenter:* Adelfio Garcia

Merge the Magic of Reading with the Reality of Research:
Inspiring Lifelong Readers (6-9, ELL, Spec, Admin, Lib)
(SRL) *Presenters:* Kimberly Hollis, Ashley Falkos, Brenda
Engelhardt, Kathryn Dagnes

Guiding Readers: One Book, One Smile, One Interaction at a
Time (K-3) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Maria Walther

Rockin’ Inclusion Through Picture Books (PreK-3, Lib) (Equity
& Diversity) *Presenters:* Kimberly Powell, Natalie Beaver

Supporting Biliterate Readers: Assessing and Diagnosing
Spanish Literacy & Interventions to Support Overall Biliteracy
Development (K-3, ELL) (English Language Learners)
Presenters: Dora Guzman, Yuridia Zepeda

A Novel Idea-How to Create a Reading Intervention Using
Novels, Short Stories and Narrative Nonfiction (6-9, ELL, Spec)
(Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Suzanne Creer

Building a Balanced Literacy School from the Ground Up (K-6)
(Early Career) *Presenters:* Lindsay Rubach, Taylor Daniel,
Margaret Policastro

The Destruction of Black Wall Street: The 1921 Tulsa Race
Massacre (6-12) (Equity & Diversity) *Presenters:* Kathy White,
Jessica Walsh

In Defense of Read-Aloud (All) (Writing) *Presenter:* Steven
Layne

Museables – Pairing Contemporary and Brand New Young Adult
Literature with Books Commonly Used in the Classroom by
Teachers (4-12, Adults, Univ, Admin) (Librarians) *Presenters:*
Wendy Streit, Beth Stephens

Windows & Mirrors: Champions for Equity in Literature, from
Board Books to Novels! (PreK-12, ELL, Univ, Admin, Lib)
(Equity & Diversity) *Presenters:* Lisa Vahey, Amy Treadwell

Rev-Up your Literacy Stations Using Rigor & Relevance,
Complex Literacy and Powerful Instruction! (K-9) (Reluctant
Readers) *Presenter:* April Kennedy

Questioning the Author with Accountable Talk (K-6) (Reluctant
Readers) *Presenter:* Rhonda Russell- Henderson

3:00 – 5:00

Illinois Reads Speed-Dating Event (Tickets Required)

4:00 – 5:00

Making Dasher (6-12) *Featured Speaker:* Matt Tavares

All American Boys (6-12) *Featured Speakers:* Jason Reynolds,
Brendan Kiely

An Educator’s Guide to I Survived (All) *Featured Speaker:*
Lauren Tarshis

Reading Fast and Slow: The Reading Brain in a Digital Age
(6-12) (SEL) *Featured Speaker:* Carol Jago

Literacy Celebrations (4-6) *Presenter:* Vicki Kay

Strategies for Supporting Science Students in Science Literacy
Development Utilizing Multimodal Learning Strategies (9-12,
Admin) (STEM) *Presenter:* TaRhonda Woods

So Many Worries and Fears: Practical Strategies for Working
with Children with Anxiety (PreK-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ,
Lib) (SEL) *Presenter:* Beverly Johns

A Multi-Sensory Introduction to Sight Words Through Songs
(PreK-K) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* LaDonna Wicklund

What Should I Say? Confidently Conferring with Writers (K-6,
Admin) (Writing) *Presenter:* Kristy Piebenga

Reading Aloud is for Writers Too! (K-3, Lib) (Writing)
Presenter: Maria Walther

Literacy Routines With Language in Mind (ELL) (English Language Learners) *Presenter: Andrea Mear*

Encouraging Intellectual Curiosity in Young Advanced Readers, Selecting and Using Challenging Children's Picture Books and Literature (All) (CIRP) *Presenter: Laura Beltchenko*

Laugh(ture) and Literature Across the Curriculum (K-12, Spec, Adults, Lib) *Presenter: Boomer Crotty*

Fun, Fast, & Formative: Assessments for All Ability Levels (4-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin, Lib) (Technology) *Presenter: Jessica Pilgreen*

Let's Get Real: Bringing Literacy to Life with Project-Based Learning (K-9, Admin) (STEAM) *Presenter: Terra Tarango*

Reading Instruction that Matters (PreK-9, ELL, Spec, Admin) (Equity & Diversity) *Presenter: Ben Zulauf*

Parents and Children Connecting with Diverse Books: A Family Literacy Approach (PreK-3, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin, Lib) (Equity & Diversity) *Presenter: Michele Byrne*

Teaching Reading Like a Golf Coach with Reflective Video Analysis (RVA) (K-6) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter: Anne Chobot*

Bibliotherapy: Promoting Comprehension in Students with Anxiety and Trauma History (All) (SEL) *Presenter: Carol Hanzlik-Chasnoff*

5:15 – 6:15

College Instructors of Reading Professionals (CIRP) Reception

6:15 – 8:15

Thursday Prairie State Award Banquet
Everything Changes, Nothing Ends
Featured Speaker: Brian Selznick

8:30 – 10:30

Hear the Authors Read and Autographing

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Nora Flynn

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Blue Balliett
Joelle Charbonneau

*Thursday PSA Banquet at the PAL Ballroom
with Brian Selznick*

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Joyce Jennings

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with Brian Selznick*

IRC Service Award

Joyce Jennings
Steven L. Layne
Christy Ziller

*Friday Breakfast at the PAL Ballroom
with Chris Grabenstein*

Jerry Johns Reading Educator of the Year Award

Jennifer Jacknewitz

*Friday Luncheon at the Wyndham Ballroom
with Donalyn Miller*

Static Sticker Decal Contest Winner

Kynnedi Crowder, Columbia Middle School

*Friday Luncheon at the PAL Ballroom
with Ibi Zoboi*

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Conference Sessions

Friday, March 11, 2022

7:00 – 8:30

Friday Breakfast

Saying Yes All the Way to Mr. Lemoncello's Library

Featured Speaker: Chris Grabenstein

8:00 – 9:00

Vamos! Let's Draw A Book (All) *Featured Speaker: Raúl The Third*

To All The Boys: Centering Girlhood in Stories About Boys, Violence, and Social Justice (All) *Featured Speaker: Ibi Zoboi*

An Authorator's Story (All) *Featured Speaker: David Biedrzycki*

Navigating Slumps in Reading Motivation (All) *Featured Speaker: Donalyn Miller*

Stamped (For Kids) Raising Students' Racial Consciousness and Keeping Hope (3-8) *Featured Speaker: Sonja Cherry-Paul*

The Next Step in Guided Word Study (All) *Featured Speaker: Jan Richardson*

Empowering Readers through Structure Sorts: Integrated Strategies to Comprehend Expository Texts (K-12, ELL, Univ, Admin) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenters: Mary Hoch, Jana McNally*

Interactive Read-Alouds: A Mental Imagery Strategy (K-6, ELL) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenters: Amy Davis, Elizabeth Russell*

Hearing Students' Voices: A Way to Bring Equity to Your Full Language Repertoire (PreK-9, ELL) (Equity & Diversity) *Presenter: Adelfio Garcia*

From 'Eh' to Engaged: Enjoyable Standards-Based Activities to Enhance Student Learning (K-6) *Presenter: Elana Heinonen*

Celebrating Children's Books on Muslims, Refugee and Newcomers in Schools: A Framework for Mindful Teachers (K-3, ELL, Spec, Univ) (Equity & Diversity) *Presenter: Sadia Warsi*

Developing Vocabulary to Strengthen Comprehension and Written Expression (4-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin, Lib) *Presenter: Laura Beltchenko*

Bridging Time & Space: Reframing Nonfiction Reading and Writing as Conversations With Authors (6-12, Adults, Univ, Admin) (SRL) *Presenters: David Alan Smith, Jennifer Hernandez*

Make Reading and Writing "Stick" with a Splash of Memorable Learning (4-6) (Writing) *Presenters: Leah Mirante, Pamela Gruzynski*

Korean Poetry Competition Provides Opportunity for American Students (4-12) (Writing) *Presenter: Elizabeth Jorgensen*

Building Writers Using Authentic Tasks and Audiences (K-6) (Writing) *Presenter: Karyn Keenan*

Representations of Diversity in Leveled Texts: Who Do Children See? (K-6, Admin, Lib) (Equity & Diversity) *Presenters: Melanie Walski, Phoebe Regnery*

Team Read EVOLVES! (K-3, ELL, Spec, Univ, Admin) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenters: Jeannine Staunton, Colleen Bessette*

Writing Grants & More: How IRC & Council Grants Can Support Literacy Projects & Ideas (6-12, ELL, Spec, Admin, Lib) *Presenter: Donna Herman*

Math and Mirth (PreK-9, Spec, Lib) *Presenter: Boomer Crotty*

Using Newsela and ReadWorks in your Classroom: Articles, Levels, and Features (K-12) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter: Melissa Stinnett*

Informational Texts Across the Curriculum Thinking, Talking, and Learning Together (K-9) *Presenter: Brian Tucker*

8:30 – 3:30

Administrators Academy
Understanding and Supporting Instructional
Coaching: A Toolkit for Administrators
Featured Speaker: Alison Gordon

9:30 – 10:30

Book Gossip (All) *Featured Speaker: Becky Anderson Wilkins*

To All The Boys: Centering Girlhood in Stories About Boys, Violence, and Social Justice (All) *Featured Speaker: Ibi Zoboi*

An Authorator's Story (All) *Featured Speaker: David Biedrzycki*

Books for a Better World 2022 (4-8) *Featured Speaker: Donalyn Miller*

But They Still Hate Reading: Establishing and Cultivating a Personal Reading Identity (All) *Featured Speaker: Pernille Ripp*

Grumpy Cats, Anxious Bears & The Debate on Pants Books by Jacob Grant (PreK-3) *Featured Speaker: Jacob Grant*

Read like a Writer; Write like a Reader: Increasing Efficacy in a Diverse Group of Students (4-12, ELL, Adults, Univ, Admin) (Writing) *Presenters: Janelle Miles, Ashley Bartley*

The Student Knows: How to Bridge the Familiar with the Unfamiliar to Build Exploration (K-9, Lib) (Writing) *Presenters: Alice McGinty, Alan Havis*

Engagement and Empowerment of Teachers, Children, Families and Communities through the Infusion of Literacy with the Performing Arts (K-9, ELL, Spec, Admin, Lib) *Presenters: Eleni Vrettos, Laura Mudd*

Inquiry Based Literacy Workshop - The Triple Lindy of Learning! (4-9) (Writing) *Presenter: Dave Keenan*

Stretch Yourself: Using Flexible Seating to Engage Learners in the Language Arts Classroom (K-6) *Presenter: Elana Heinonen*

New YA Titles to Booktalk: AISLE's Lincoln Book Award (9-12, Admin, Lib) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenters: Nichole Folkman, Deborah Althoff Will*

Implementing Book Clubs in Your Classroom (K-9) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter: Alaina Weatherford*

Cultivating Risky Reading Without Getting Lost in the Weeds (6-12, Univ, Admin, Lib) (SRL) *Presenter: Cindi Koudelka*

Get to Know the Latest & Greatest Picture Books! (PreK-3, Admin) (Lib) *Presenters: Steph McHugh, Mary Hamer*

SIJO Workshop: Learning and Writing Korea's Poetry (All) (Writing) *Presenter: Elizabeth Jorgensen*

Simple Ways to Foster a Love of Reading in Your School (K-6) *Presenters: Deana Metzke, Jena Kent*

Building Fluency for K-5 Students: The How's and the Why's of Fluency in the Age of Common Core (K-6, Admin) (Early Career) *Presenters: Melanie Walski, Peet Smith*

Supporting Reluctant Middle School Readers (4-9) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter: Kristin Richey*

Building Classroom Community with Powerful Picture Books (K-3, ELL, Spec, Lib) (Equity & Diversity) *Presenter: Rebecca Meisinger*

Tips and Tricks to Build, Maintain, and Sustain a Vibrant Classroom Library (PreK-12, ELL, Spec) *Presenters: Tim Wheeler, Jennifer Connolly*

Empowering your Students to become Writers: The Cornerstone Writing Genre, Used in All Subjects, is the Summary (4-9, ELL) (Writing) *Presenter: Sherri Silva*

In Defense of Read-Aloud (All) (Writing) *Presenter: Steven Layne*

The Joy of Representation: Celebrating Identity and Equity for Readers through the Ages (All) (Equity & Diversity) *Presenters: Julie Hoffman, Melissa Wheeler*

Sit, Stay, Support! Exploring Canine-Assisted Activities in Reading (4-6, Spec, Adults, Admin, Lib) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenters: Christina Edmonds-Behrend, Michele McDaniel*

11:00 – 12:00

New and Notable Books for Grades K-8 (K-8) Featured Speaker: Becky Anderson Wilkins

Inside Mr. Lemoncello's Library (All) Featured Speaker: Chris Grabenstein

Journey of an Artist from 7-11 and Beyond (All) Featured Speaker: Raúl The Third

John Schu's Review of Books for You and Your Readers, Too! (K-6) Featured Speaker: John Schu

Stamped (For Kids) Raising Students' Racial Consciousness and Keeping Hope (3-8) Featured Speaker: Sonja Cherry-Paul

A Picture Book Taught Me This (All) Featured Speaker: Pernille Ripp

Analyzing and Accelerating Struggling Readers (All) Featured Speaker: Jan Richardson

Creating a Tier II and Tier III Literacy Lab in an Urban High School (K-12, ELL, Admin) (Administration) *Presenters:* Kiwana Brown, Scott Bramley, Kandy O'Connor, Philinda Coleman

Beyond Visuals: Innovative Supports for English Learners in Reading (K-6, ELL) (English Language Learners) *Presenter:* Carly Spina

The Poetry Project: Bringing Creativity Back to the 4-12 Classroom (4-9, ELL) (Writing) *Presenter:* Mal Keenan

Rise Up: Using Hamilton in the Classroom (4-12) (Librarians) *Presenter:* Michelle Mohr

Conducting an Intriguing Read Aloud ... Discovering Hidden Meanings in Picture Books that Support Motivation and Engagement (PreK-6, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin, Lib) (ICARE) *Presenter:* Laura Beltchenko

Books for Struggling Readers Grades 5-12 (6-12, Lib) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenters:* Elizabeth Goldsmith-Conley, Tambree Krouse, Leslie Forsman, Erik Borne

What Were They Thinking! Strategies to Boost Student's Critical and Creative Thinking Skills (K-6) *Presenter:* Terra Tarango

The Five Footholds When It Comes to Grading (4-9, Admin) (SRL) *Presenter:* Jennifer Jacknewitz

The 2023 Caudills Just Sprouted (4-9, Lib) (Librarians) *Presenters:* Michelle Glatt, Ruth Gheysen

Digging Deeper into Dialogue (with Mentor Text) (K-9) (Writing) *Presenter:* Juliann Caveny

What are High Leverage Practices, and Why Do I Need to Know? (All) (Early Career) *Presenters:* Christina Edmonds-Behrend, Michele McDaniel

Ride the Wakelet Wave (K-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin, Lib) (Technology) *Presenter:* Donna Wakefield

Rethinking Reader Response (K-6, Admin) *Presenter:* Kristy Piebenga

Coaching into Balanced Literacy: A Model for Promoting Collaborative Efficacy District Wide (PreK-6, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin) (Coaching) *Presenters:* Margaret Policastro, Rhonda Kimbrough, Carolyn Franklin

How to Grow a Million Words Club (4-12, Lib) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenters:* Jennifer Bunton, Seren Conner

Novels! Novels! Novels! -- Utilizing Whole Class Novels in a Standards Driven Middle School ELA Classroom (4-9) *Presenters:* Marissa Stratton, Jill Mutzbauer

Empowering your Students to become Writers Part 2: Writing the Summary: The Cornerstone Genre for All Subjects (4-6) (Writing) *Presenter:* Sherri Silva

The Literacy Workshop: Turning the Page to Innovative Reading and Writing Instruction (K-9, ELL, Spec, Univ, Admin) *Presenters:* Karen Biggs-Tucker, Maria Walther

12:15 – 2:00

Friday Luncheon

The Joy of Reading

Featured Speaker: Donalyn Miller

Friday Luncheon

We Do Language: This Immigrant Writer's Journey

Featured Speaker: Ibi Zoboi

1:00 – 2:00

Rocking Mindsets About Vocabulary Acquisition: Four Explorations for Impacting Literacy Growth (4-12, ELL) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Cindy Bengé

But, But, But...What about Grammar? (3-12) (Writing) *Presenter:* Andrea Pewthers

Read Happy: Promoting Social Emotional Learning One Story at a Time (K-9) (SEL) *Presenters:* Shannon O'Brien, Denise Frazier

A Hands-on, Multisensory Approach to Teaching Phonics, Phonemic Awareness, and Word Work (K-6) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Victoria Bedford

Go Big or Gourd Home: Engaging Students with Pumpkin-Themed Literature in the Pumpkin Capital of the World (6-12) *Presenter:* Chris Wyant

Flit, Flutter and Fly with Phonological and Phonemic Awareness! (PreK-3, ELL, Admin) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Emily Larsen

ReadyAimWrite Kids, LLC Books Written By Kids For Kids (4-9) (Librarians) *Presenter:* Stephen Kozan

Teaching Alphabetic Principles Through Culturally Diverse Stories That Embed Social Emotional Learning (PreK-3) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Liz Brown

From Margin to Center: Moving Students' Voices to the Middle of the Page (6-12, Adults, Univ, Admin) (SRL) *Presenters:* David Alan Smith, Jennifer Hernandez

Effective Phonics in Core of Reading Instruction (K-3, ELL, Spec) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Gaye Heath

2:30 – 3:30

New and Notable Books for Young Adults (Young Adult) *Featured Speaker:* Becky Anderson Wilkins

An Authorator's Story (All) *Featured Speaker:* David Biedrzycki

Vamos! Let's Draw A Book (All) *Featured Speaker:* Raúl The Third

Passionate Writers: Helping Students Become True Writers (All) *Featured Speaker:* Pernille Ripp

Culturally Relevant Teaching in Reading Workshop: Clearing Up Misconceptions and Re-Locating Race (3-8) *Featured Speaker:* Sonja Cherry-Paul

Developing Narrative Skills Using The Hero's Journey (4-12) (Writing) *Presenter:* Jennifer Melberg

The Six-Grid Organizer: Engaging Students in Teacher Read-Alouds (K-9) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Amy Davis

Equal Education for All, Just Not Us: Using All American Boys for Racial Justice in Our Schools (6-12, ELL, Spec, Lib) (Equity & Diversity) *Presenters:* Jennifer Brooks, Jennifer Martin

Curing the Secondary Literacy Epidemic by Cultivating Engaged Readers (4-12, ELL, Spec) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenters:* Nichole Woodruff, Kathryn Hoving

Teaching Students To Read and Write Like A ... (Mathematician, Scientist, Musician): Content Area Literacy Strategies to Use Now (All) *Presenters:* Michelle Simmons, Tammy La Prad

We Need a Tsunami of Diverse Books to Drown out the Hate and Racism (K-3) (Equity & Diversity) *Presenter:* Sadia Warsi

Implementing Reading Strategies with ELL Elementary Students (K-3, ELL) (English Language Learners) *Presenter:* Nelofar Khamisani

Content Area Literacy: Toolkit of Disciplinary Strategies for Middle and High School (6-12, ELL, Adults, Univ) (SRL) *Presenters:* Rachel Lesinski-Roscoe, Paula DiDomenico

Writing Across the Curriculum: A Complement to your Writer's Workshop! (K-9) (Administration) *Presenter:* April Kennedy

Google Tools for Differentiation (All) (Technology) *Presenter:* Donna Wakefield

Makerspaces and S.T.E.A.M. Labs: Moving Beyond Reading Response and into Systems Thinking (PreK-12, Lib) (STEAM) *Presenter:* Sarah Margalus

eBooks and Audiobooks ARE Real Books (PreK-9, ELL, Spec, Lib) (Technology) *Presenter:* Kristin Patrick

Encouraging Classroom Talk and Academic Discourse (K-9) (Early Career) *Presenter:* Chyrese Wolf

Seeing Myself in the Pages: Teaching with Culturally Responsive & Relevant Text (All) (Equity & Diversity) *Presenters:* Julia Cloat, Rocio del Castillo

The Cycle of Conferring: How To Hold Impactful Reading Conferences and Support Student Growth in Independent Reading (K-6, ELL, Spec, Admin, Lib) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenters:* Hannah Schneewind, Jennifer Scoggin

The Power of Positive Intentions (4-9) (SEL) *Presenters:* Kimberly Gow, Raynell Walls, Marilyn Ludolph

Literacy, Equity, and Anti-Racism: Aligning Your Literacy Instruction with the CRTL Standards (K-12, ELL, Spec) (Equity & Diversity) *Presenters:* Sophie Degener, Tina Curry

The Best of Both Worlds: Using Picture Books to Spark Reading and Writing Reciprocity (K-9) (Writing) *Presenter:* Karen Biggs-Tucker

4:00 – 5:00

Inside Mr. Lemoncello's Library (All) *Featured Speaker:* Chris Grabenstein

Brain Research + Best Instructional Practices = Successful Middle School Learners (6-9, ELL, Spec, Admin) *Presenters:* Sarah Rippe, Molly Hong

Supporting Literary Analysis by Developing Paired Picture Books and Text Sets that Expand the Critical and Creative Reading Process (All) (CIRP) *Presenter:* Laura Beltchenko

Book Clubs = Book Love: Incorporating Student-Selected Novels with Classics (4-12, ELL, Lib) *Presenters:* Adam Lester, Molly Jackson-Schultz

Applying Disciplinary Lenses and Multi-Literacies to Generate Ideas for Writing (All) (Writing) *Presenter:* Shadrack Msengi

Is There Room for Literacy in Middle and High School Math Classrooms (6-12, ELL) (STEAM) *Presenters:* Kimberlee Wagner, Danielle Klein, Jessica Kearns

Integrating Improv into ELA (4-9) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Kate Wiersema

Enhance Your Small Group Instructional Time with these Great Tips! (K-9) (Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* April Kennedy

Emergent Bilinguals as Language Makers: Experimenting with Hands-On Writing Instruction (4-12, ELL, Spec) (ELL) *Presenter:* Ben Kuhlman

One Size Does NOT Fit All (All) (Admin) *Presenter:* Rex Morgan

Using Escape Rooms for Assessment (4-9) *Presenters:* Jennifer Wilke, Julie Gianessi

Designing and Sustaining a Professional Learning Community Focused on Implementing Effective Independent Reading Practices Building and Districtwide (K-6, ELL, Spec, Adults) (Administration) *Presenters:* Amy Weiss, Rachel Dahl

The Power of Poetry in the Primary Grades (K-3) (Writing) *Presenter:* Diana Brannon

Achieving Success Through Disaster: Using Disaster Stories to Engage Students in Reading and Social Emotional Learning (K-9) (SEL) *Presenter:* David Wood

Amplify Meaning: Engaging Readers and Writers with the Art of the Picture Book (K-9) *Presenter:* Brian Tucker

5:15 – 5:45

Annual Membership Meeting

5:30 – 7:30

Preservice Teachers' Pizza Party

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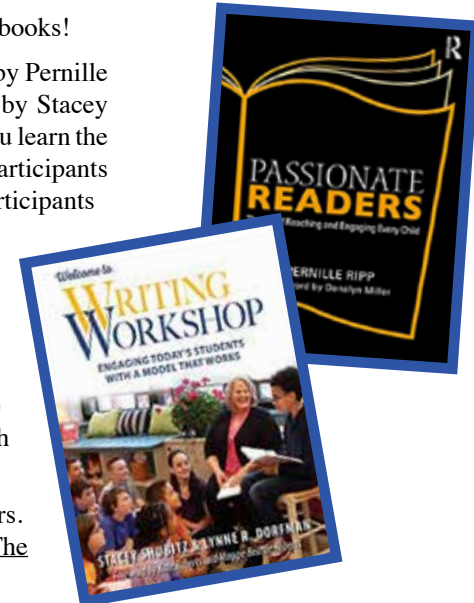


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(From IRC Membership Form, indicate local council choice _____)

METHOD OF PAYMENT

(\$1 service charge is added if paying by CC!)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

\$ _____

Check (payable to IRC)

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Credit Card Expiration Date Mo. Yr.

Cardholder's Name _____ Address of Cardholder _____

CONFERENCE HOUSING RESERVATIONS

Conference Dates – Thursday, March 10, 2022 and Friday, March 11, 2022

Special room rates have been negotiated at the hotels listed below. To obtain these special rates, reservations must be made directly with the hotel either by phone or online by **February 1, 2022**. All conference meetings and meal functions will be held at the Bank of Springfield Center, the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, and the Wyndham Hotel. The Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau will be providing a complimentary shuttle service from the other hotels to the BOS Center. Downtown Springfield also has many public parking options that cost anywhere from \$5 to \$10 a day to park. Details on the public parking and the shuttle service will be provided in the Springfield Maps in this program and on the IRC website.

Go to www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org
Select **Conference** on the menu,
then click on **Reserve Housing Online!**

ON-SITE HOTELS

President Abraham Lincoln Hotel.....\$124
701 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701
217-544-8800
Group Code: IRC
Located adjacent to the Convention Center

Wyndham City Centre.....\$125
700 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701
217-789-1530
Group Code: IL Reading Coun 2022
Across the street from the Convention Center

OTHER HOTELS

Candlewood Suites.....\$85
2501 Sunrise Drive, Springfield, IL 62703
217-522-5100
Group Code: IRC 2022
About 4.7 miles south of the BOS Center

Northfield Inn.....\$101
3280 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62702
217-523-7900
Group Code: IRC - **Phone Reservations Only**
About 4.3 miles north of the BOS Center

Carpenter Street Hotel.....\$99
525 North 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62702
217-789-9100
Group Code: IRC - **Phone Reservations Only**
About 0.7 miles west of the BOS Center

Ramada Springfield North.....\$101
3281 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62702
217-523-4000
Group Code: IRC - **Phone Reservations Only**
About 4.3 miles north of the BOS Center

Drury Inn & Suites.....\$132
3180 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703
217-529-3900
Group Code: IRC 2022
About 5.1 miles north of the BOS Center

Residence Inn.....\$149
2915 Stanford Avenue, Springfield, IL 62703
217-527-1100
Group Code: IRC 2022
About 4.8 miles south of the BOS Center

Hilton Garden Inn.....\$129
3100 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703
217-529-7171
Group Code: Illinois Reading Council
About 5.1 miles south of the BOS Center

Special room rates end on February 1, 2022!

2022 IRC Conference

Registration Form

March 10 – 11, 2022

Springfield, Illinois



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Return this form with payment to:

Illinois Reading Council

203 Landmark Drive, Suite B

Normal, IL 61761

Or fax to: (309) 454-3512

Or register online at

www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org

ONE NAME ON EACH FORM Please print or type. Form may be reproduced.

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____

School/Business _____ City _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ Email (Confirmations sent by email) _____

Position/Grade Level? _____ Presenting at Conference? ___ Yes ___ No Are you an ILA member? ___ Yes ___ No

Illinois Educator Information Number (IEIN) _____ (The IEIN will be used for ISBE to audit your PD Clock Hours only.)

REGISTRATION (check one) includes sessions on Thursday and Friday. On or Before February 15, 2022 After February 15, 2022

Registration for IRC Member (Membership Number: _____)

___ Current IRC Member \$200 \$225

___ Retiree (Member) \$50 \$75

___ Preservice Teacher with Student ID (Member) \$25 \$50

Registration for Non-Member

___ Non-Member \$275 \$300

___ Retiree (Non-Member) \$75 \$100

___ Preservice Teacher with Student ID (Non-Member) \$50 \$75

OPTIONAL MEALS AND EVENTS Check choice of menu and include payment with registration.

___ **Wednesday Welcome Reception (PAL Hotel Ballroom) ... John Schu** FREE FREE

___ Complimentary Appetizers

___ **Thursday Breakfast (PAL Hotel Ballroom) ... Matt Tavares** \$25 \$30

___ Scrambled Eggs & Bacon ___ Scrambled Eggs & Vegetarian Patty

___ **Thursday Luncheon (Wyndham Hotel Ballroom) ... Debbie Diller** \$35 \$40

___ Smoked Turkey Sandwich ___ Classic Greek Salad with Chickpeas

___ **Thursday Luncheon (PAL Hotel Ballroom) ... Jason Reynolds** \$35 \$40

___ Seared Chicken Breast & Wild Rice ___ Wild Mushroom Tortellini

___ **Thursday Illinois Reads Author Event (Wyndham Hotel Ballroom)** \$10 \$15

___ **Thursday Banquet (PAL Hotel Ballroom) ... Brian Selznick** \$40 \$45

___ Stuffed Pork Loin ___ Portabella and Eggplant Stack

___ **Friday Breakfast (PAL Hotel Ballroom) ... Chris Grabenstein** \$25 \$30

___ Scrambled Eggs & Ham ___ Scrambled Eggs & Vegetarian Patty

___ **Friday Administrators Academy (PAL Hotel Lincoln) .. Alison Gordon** \$20 \$25

___ **Friday Luncheon (Wyndham Hotel Ballroom) ... Donalyn Miller** \$35 \$40

___ Chicken Salad Croissant ___ Caesar Wrap with Chickpeas

___ **Friday Luncheon (PAL Hotel Ballroom) ... Ibi Zoboi** \$35 \$40

___ Open Faced Roast Beef ___ Vegetable Lasagna

___ **Friday Night Pizza Party for Preservice Teachers Only** FREE FREE

METHOD OF PAYMENT

(No P.O.'s accepted and \$1 fee if pay by CC!)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

\$ _____ \$ _____

Check (payable to IRC)

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Cardholder's Name _____ Address of Cardholder _____

Special Accommodations – Individuals who need special accommodations must make specific requests in writing to the IRC office at least three weeks prior to the conference.
Cancellation/Refund Policy – Requests must be made in writing by February 1, 2022. Please see the complete policy under General Conference Information or at the IRC Website.
Unless notified in writing, this registration constitutes an agreement that the registrant's image, likeness, and appearance can be used in photographs of such events and activities.



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BE A 2022 CONFERENCE VOLUNTEER

I would like to volunteer to work at the IRC Conference.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____

Local Council _____

1. **While at the IRC Conference, I can volunteer to help for:**

- _____ 1 hour, schedule me as needed. (Circle one or all: Thursday and/or Friday)
- _____ 2 hours, schedule me as needed. (Circle one or all: Thursday and/or Friday)
- _____ 3 hours, schedule me as needed. (Circle one or all: Thursday and/or Friday)
- _____ Thursday morning block (1/2 day)
- _____ Thursday afternoon block (1/2 day)
- _____ Friday morning block (1/2 day)
- _____ Friday afternoon block (1/2 day)
- _____ Anytime, as needed.

2. **I would prefer to help in one or more of the following areas:**

- _____ Collect tickets at a meal function
- _____ Work at the registration booth
- _____ Help with book sales/autographing sessions
- _____ Help with the Tech on Call
- _____ Help with the special events and receptions
- _____ Help with the exhibits
- _____ Assist with putting up or changing room signs
- _____ Serve as a host for featured speakers
- _____ Help with the IRC Membership Booth/Treasure Chest
- _____ No preference, I will help as assigned.

Your Help Is Needed - Please Volunteer!

Please send by February 1, 2022 to: Illinois Reading Council
203 Landmark Drive, Suite B
Normal, IL 61761-1836

Or, fill out the online form on the Conference Page at www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

203 Landmark Drive, Suite B
Normal, IL 61761

Phone: 309-454-1341
Fax: 309-454-3512

Email: irc@illinoisreadingcouncil.org
Web: www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org

1 Please print or complete the form online.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Home Phone () _____ Bus. Phone () _____

School Name _____ District _____ City _____
or
Business/Institution _____ City _____

Are you a Preservice Teacher? ____ yes ____ no College/University _____

2 List the council(s) you wish to join.

When you join, you receive membership in the IRC, as well as membership in a local or special interest council. You must select at least one of the councils listed on the back.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

3 List the dues amount of each council you are joining.

\$45 - One year membership
\$25 - Preservice Teacher membership

4 Discount for multiple memberships.

If you join more than one local or special interest council at this time, each additional council is \$15. Preservice teachers pay \$5 for each additional council.

Total Before Discount _____

Discount _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE _____

5 Return this form with payment to:
Illinois Reading Council
ATTN: Membership Dept.
203 Landmark Drive, Suite B
Normal, IL 61761

Method of Payment: Check to IRC Visa Mastercard Discover American Express
(Sorry, no P.O.'s accepted.)

Cardholder's Name _____ Credit Card Expiration Date Mo. Yr.

Paying by credit card? A \$1 service charge is added.
Join Online or Fax: 309-454-3512

Cardholder's Address _____ CVV Code _____

6 In our continuing effort to provide meaningful services to our members, IRC requests the following information.

Are you a member of the International Literacy Association (ILA)?

- a. ____ yes membership # _____ expiration date _____
- b. ____ no

Professional Areas of Interest (Check 3)

- a. ____ administration
- b. ____ adult literacy
- c. ____ affective reading
- d. ____ assessment
- e. ____ children's literature
- f. ____ comprehension
- g. ____ content area reading
- h. ____ family literacy
- i. ____ holistic reading
- j. ____ multilingual/multicultural
- k. ____ newspapers in education
- l. ____ parents and reading
- m. ____ reading for gifted students
- n. ____ research
- o. ____ study skills
- p. ____ teacher education
- q. ____ technology in reading
- r. ____ Title I/remedial reading
- s. ____ young adult literature
- t. ____ young authors/writing

Age

- a. ____ 18-24
- b. ____ 25-39
- c. ____ 40-54
- d. ____ 55 and over

Years in Education Profession

- a. ____ 0-4
- b. ____ 5-14
- c. ____ 15-29
- d. ____ 30 and over

Highest Degree Earned

- a. ____ Bachelors
- b. ____ Masters
- c. ____ Doctorate

Present Position

Classroom Teacher:

- a. ____ preschool
- b. ____ K-3
- c. ____ 4-6
- d. ____ middle school/jr. high
- e. ____ high school
- f. ____ post Secondary

Administrator:

- a. ____ curriculum/reading supervisor
- b. ____ building principal
- c. ____ superintendent
- d. ____ other _____

Other:

- a. ____ librarian
- b. ____ parent
- c. ____ special ed. teacher
- d. ____ gifted/talented teacher
- e. ____ Title I/remedial
- f. ____ reading specialist
- g. ____ retired

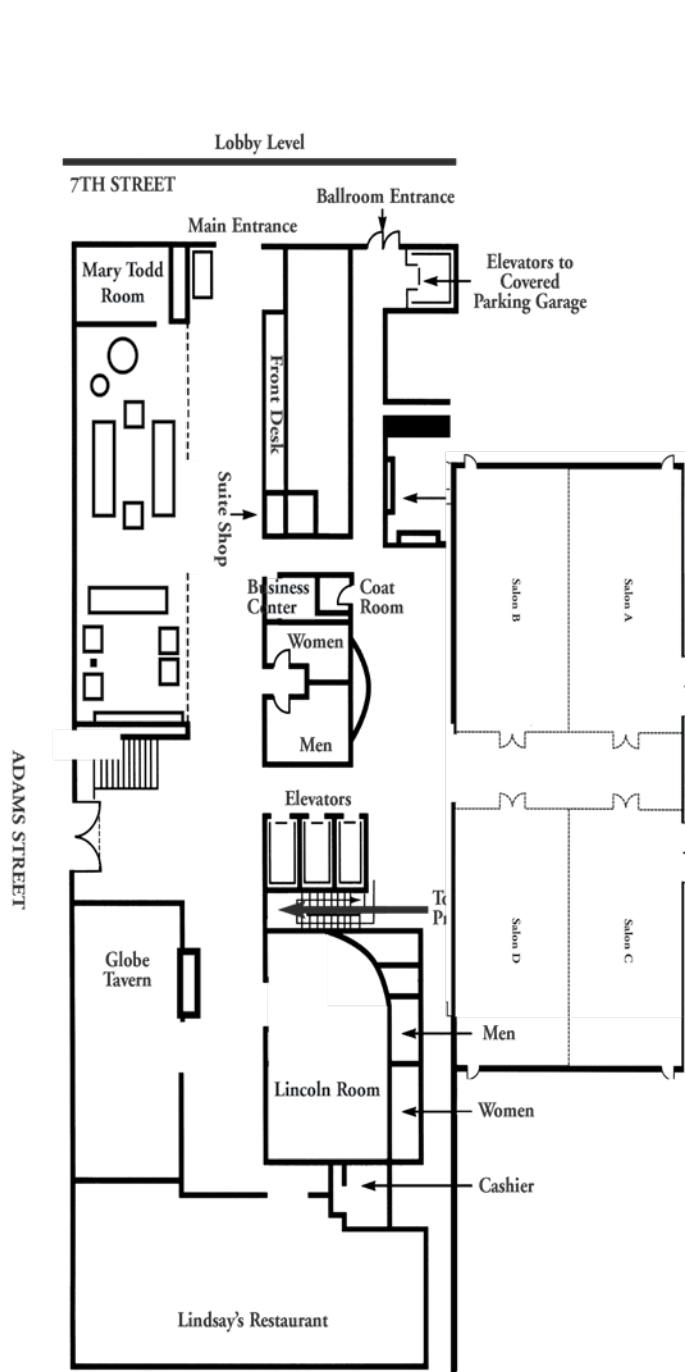
Illinois Reading Council Membership

Locations of IRC Local & Special Interest Council Regions by Counties

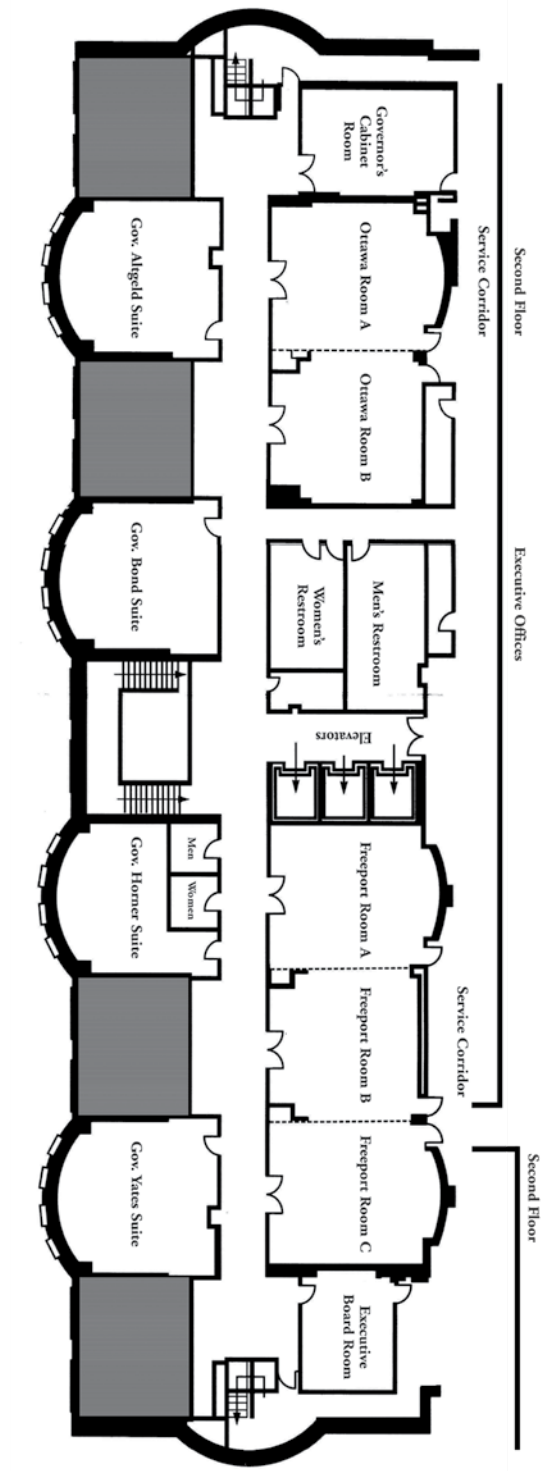
The annual membership of \$45 includes membership in the Illinois Reading Council **and** a local or special interest council. The annual preservice teacher membership is \$25 for one who has not been certified in the teaching profession and is working toward an initial teaching certificate. Please select the council(s) you wish to join from the list below. Residence in any of the designated council counties you join is not required. If you join more than one local or special interest council at this time, each additional council is \$15. Preservice teachers pay \$5 for each additional council. Follow the steps on the front of this form.

REGION 1	REGION 4	REGION 7
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Northern Illinois Reading Council - (Boone, DeKalb, Winnebago, Eastern Lee & Ogle)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Northwestern Illinois Reading Council - (Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Carroll)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sauk Valley Reading Council - (Eastern Whiteside & Henry, Western Lee, Ogle, & Bureau)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Starved Rock Reading Council - (LaSalle, Grundy, Kendall, Livingston, Eastern Bureau)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Black Hawk Reading Council - (Rock Island, Mercer, Western Henry & Whiteside)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Valley Reading Council - (Stark, Putnam, Marshall, Peoria, Woodford, Tazewell, Eastern Fulton, Mason)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi Valley Reading Council - (Adams, Brown, Pike, Scott, Greene, Calhoun)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Western Illinois Reading Council - (Henderson, Warren, Knox, McDonough, Hancock, Schuyler, Western Fulton)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> East Central-EIU Reading Council - (Moultrie, Shelby, Cumberland, Coles, Clark, Edgar, Douglas)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Illini Reading Council - (Champaign, Piatt, Southern Ford)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Vermilion Valley Reading Council - (Vermilion)</p>
REGION 2	REGION 5	REGION 8
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Chicago Area Reading Association (CARA) - (Chicago Area - Cook County within the Chicago city limits)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lake Area Reading Council - (Western Lake, McHenry, Northwestern Cook)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Suburban Council of IRA (SCIRA) - (Eastern Lake, Northern Cook)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> South Suburban Reading Council - (Those parts of Cook Co. bounded on west by Will-Cook Rd., north by 115th St., and/or Chicago City limits)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Two Rivers Reading Council - (Kankakee, Iroquois, Northern Ford)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Will County Reading Council - (Will)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Lewis and Clark Reading Council - (Macoupin, Jersey, Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Washington, Clinton)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> National Road Reading Council - (Bond, Effingham, Fayette, Marion)</p>
REGION 3	REGION 6	REGION 9
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Fox Valley Reading Council - (Kane)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Area Reading Council - (Western DuPage County)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> West Suburban Reading Council - (DuPage County east of Route 83 and those parts of Cook County west of Austin Boulevard excluding all areas within the Chicago city limits)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Central Illinois Reading Council - (Logan, Menard, Cass, Morgan, Sangamon, Christian, Montgomery)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Macon County Reading Council - (Macon)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MID-State Reading Council - (McLean, DeWitt)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> South Eastern Reading Council - (Lawrence, Richland, Crawford, Jasper, Edwards, Clay, Wabash, Wayne, White)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Southern Illinois Reading Council - (Jefferson, Randolph, Perry, Franklin, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Union, Johnson, Pope, Alexander, Hardin, Pulaski, Massac, Jackson, Hamilton)</p>
	REGION 10	
		<p><input type="checkbox"/> CIRP - (College Instructors of Reading Professionals)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ICARE - (Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ILLC - (Illinois Language and Literacy Council)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ITA - (Illinois Title I Association)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SRL - (Secondary Reading League)</p>

President Abraham Lincoln Springfield, A Doubletree Hotel

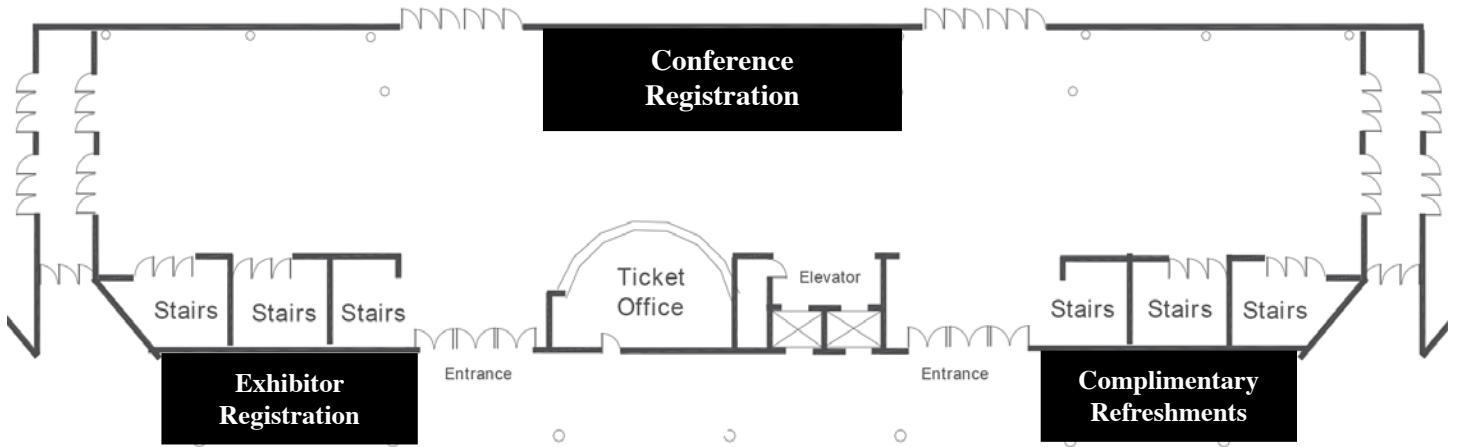


First Floor



Second Floor

Bank of Springfield Center



Concessions

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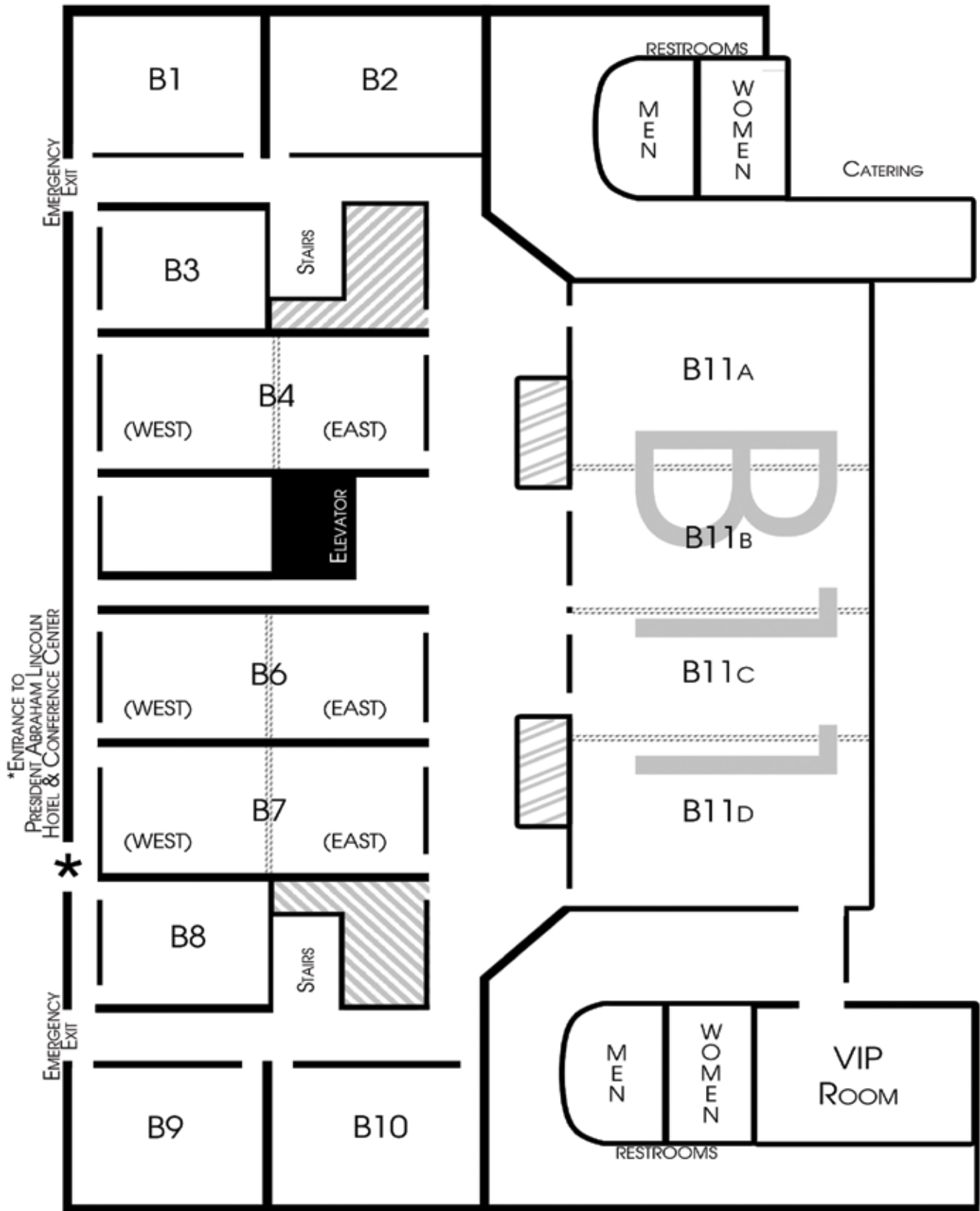
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First Aid

Featured Speaker Autographing

Exhibit Hall on First Floor

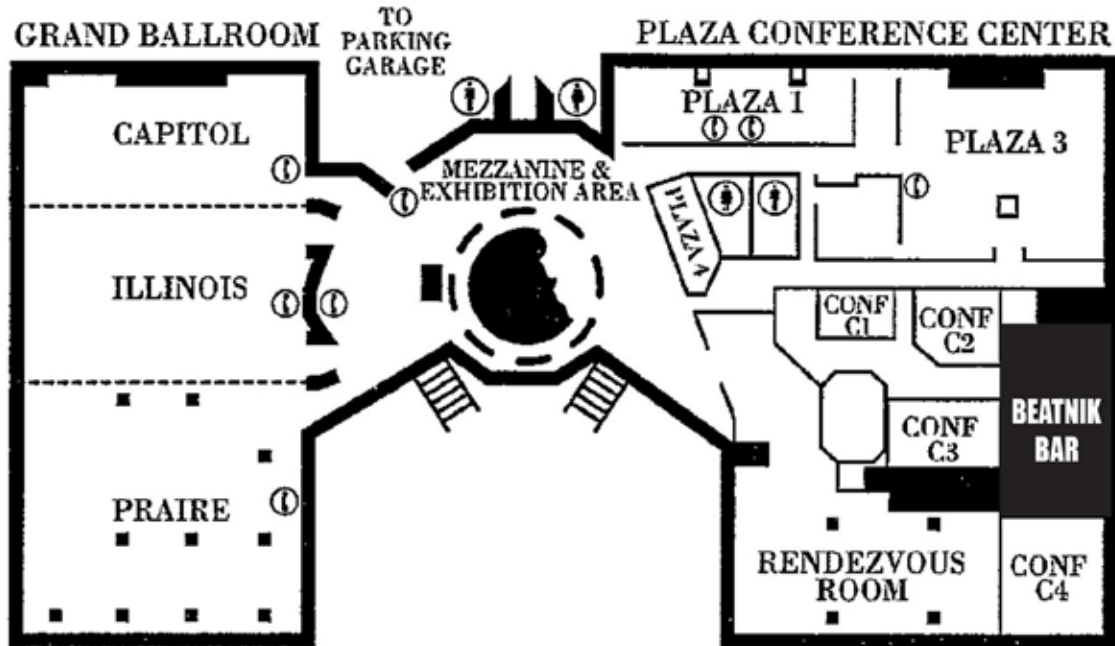
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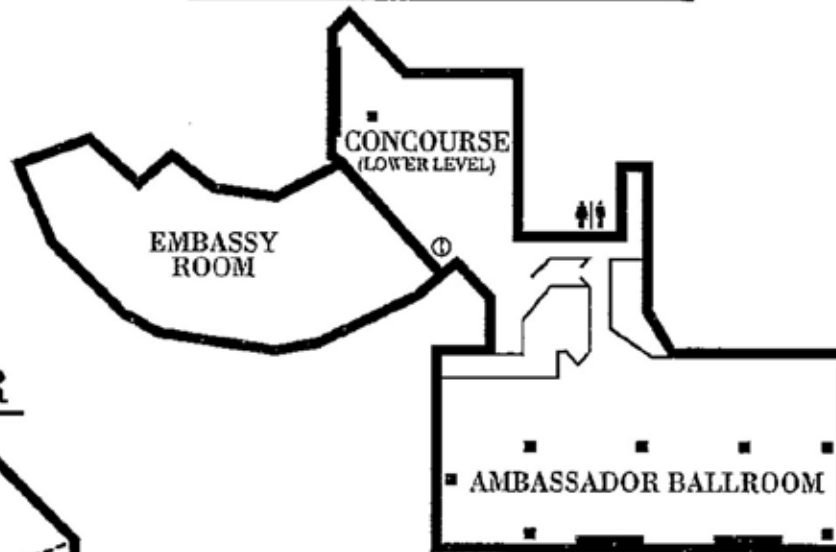
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Wyndham Hotel

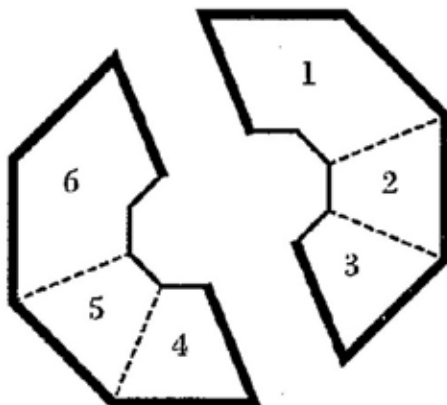
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CONCOURSE LEVEL



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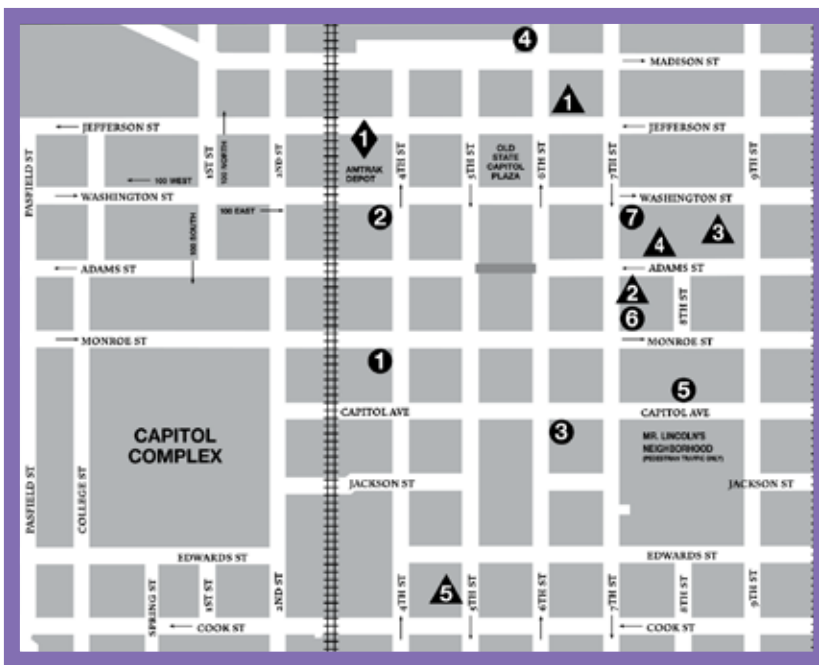
Springfield Overview

▲ HOTELS

1. Candlewood Suites
2. Carpenter Street Hotel
3. Comfort Suites
4. Drury Inn & Suites
5. Hampton Inn
6. Hilton Garden Inn
7. Microtel Inn & Suites
8. Northfield Inn & Suites
9. President Abraham Lincoln Springfield - a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
10. Ramada Ltd. North
11. Residence Inn
12. Wyndham Hotel

◆ TRANSPORTATION

1. Abraham Lincoln Capitol Airport



● PUBLIC PARKING GARAGES & LOTS

1. 4th & Monroe
2. 4th & Washington
3. 6th & Capitol
4. 6th & Madison (Presidential Museum)
5. 7th & Capitol (under public library)
6. 7th & Monroe (Near Hilton Springfield Hotel)
7. 7th & Washington (Near PCCC and President Abraham Lincoln Hotel)

▲ SITES & HOTELS

1. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum
2. Wyndham Hotel
3. Prairie Capital Convention Center
4. President Abraham Lincoln Springfield - a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
5. Vachel Lindsay Home

◆ TRANSPORTATION

1. Amtrak

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MISSION

The mission of the Illinois Reading Council is to provide support and leadership to all who promote and teach lifelong literacy.

VISION

The Illinois Reading Council advocates for high-quality literacy opportunities that empower all learners. As a leading literacy organization, the IRC provides access to research, materials, and methodologies to teach literacy and promote lifelong learning. As an active well-organized system of local and special interest councils and state committees, the IRC provides a supportive network for grass-roots involvement and the exchange of information for a diverse membership.