**Wednesday April 9**

**9-10 AM Concurrent Sessions**

A1. Inclusivity in Story Time: A Beginner’s Toolbox—Annaliese Melvin; DEI

A2. This is How We Roll: How a Trolley Got a Second Life to Take the Library to its Community – Karyn Walsh and Ethan Glenn; Community Outreach

A3. Walking within the Pages: Using StoryWalks to Enhance Literacy Engagement – Charlie Simpkins and Elisabeth Scott; School libraries

A4. Let’s Write a Story! – Linda Williams Jackson

**10:15-11:15 AM Concurrent Sessions**

B1. Words that Mend: Finding Heart, Hope, and the Transformative Power of Writing Poetry – Kim Johnson and Margaret Simon, Poetry

B2. Dr. Seuss and the Military Industrial Complex: How to Teach War – Alexander J. Barron; storytelling

B3. Exploring the Magnolia Book Awards, Mississippi Children’s Choice Award – Wendy Daughdrill; School Libraries

B4. Designing Diverse, Disability-Friendly Spaces: Crafting Accessible Study and Computer Rooms for All – Fawn Ussery; DEI

B5. Programming on the Fly: Building a Programming Toolkit for Rainy Days—Kandice Evans and Katie Grice; Programming and Public Libraries

**11:30 AM Welcome Session**

**Noon- 1:30 PM Coleen Salley Luncheon with Jos N. Holman**

**1:45-2:45 De Grummond Lecture with Will Hillenbrand**

**3-4 PM Keynote with Carmen Agra Deedy**

**4:15-5:30 PM Autographing**

**4:30-5:30 PM Concurrent Sessions**

C1. Impacted by Incarceration: How Libraries Can Support Children and Families Affected by the Legal System—Ramona Caponegro and Ashlynn Koontz; Community Outreach

C2. Beyond the Desk: Expanding Library Reach with Passive Programming at Your Patron’s Pace—Dee Hare and Leigh Hood; Programming and Public Libraries

C3. Strangers into Neighbors: Engaging Community Conversations That Matter—Gloria McEwen Burgess and Meridith Wulff; Programming and Public Libraries

C4. Storytelling MLC’s Special Collections and Your Library—Charlie Simpkins; Programming and Public Libraries

C5. Tell Me Another Story Screening and Q&A Panel

**Thursday, April 10**

**8-8:45 AM USM SLIS Breakfast Social**

**9-10 AM –Keynote session with Susan Campbell Bartoletti**

**10:15-11:15 Medallion Session with LeUyen Pham**

**11:30 AM – 1 PM EJK Awards Luncheon**

**1:15-2:15 PM Ezra Jack Keats Panel**

**2:30-4 PM Autographing**

**3-4 PM Concurrent Sessions**

D1. A Formula for Center Creation—Ashley Rich; Programming and Public Libraries

D2. Drawing the Line: One Cartoonist’s Journey into Visual Storytelling—Marshall Ramsey; Creativity, storytelling

D3. Teen Takeover: Trendy Programs for Teen Audience – Beth Shamley; Programming and Public Libraries

D4. What Can You Do with One Book? – Karen Konnerth; School Libraries

**7 PM EJK Reception at Train Depot**

**Friday, April 11**

**9-10 AM Keynote Session with Kate Leth**

**10:15-11:30 AM Autographing**

**10:30-11:30 AM Concurrent Sessions**

E1. Proving Concept Through Podcasting – Brett Harris and Adam Trest; Storytelling

E2. Come Together: Hosting Creative Writing Groups—Gwen Lee; Programming and Public Libraries

E3. Teaching Story Structure Like an Author—Heather C. Morris and Hallie Christensen; Other: School Curriculum

E4. Engaging Student Curiosity to Propel Development of Literacy Skills – Jo Hackl; Critical Reading and Writing Skills

**Noon-1:30 PM SLIS Lecture with Dr. Jamie Naidoo**

**1:45-2:45 PM Concurrent Sessions**

F1.STEAMy Literature! How to Pair Your Favorite Picture Books with STEAM Activities—Erin Parker; School Libraries

F2. Sensory Programming at Your Library: Creating Meaningful, Hands-On Learning Experiences Through Imaginative (and Messy) Play—Aimee Ardonne; Programming and Public Libraries

F3. Diversity in Manga: Helping Patrons See Themselves in a Different Format—Tori Hopper; Anime, Comics, and Graphic Novels

F4. Canva for Librarians—Emilee Norris; Technology

**3-4 PM Concurrent Sessions**

G1. Funding, Programming, and Community Engagement: How the Mississippi Humanities Council Can Benefit Libraries—Katie Molpus and Tonja Murphy; Community Outreach

G2. Got Paper??—KE Hones; School Libraries

G3. AI in Education: A Salon-Style—Naomi Hurtienne Magola and Dawn Zimmerer; Social Media/Technology

**E-Version Only:**

Taking a Whole-School Read to the Next Level to Help Students Create Cross-Curricular Connections, Build Empathy, Grit and Resilience, and Strengthen the Overall School Community—Jo Watson Hackl; School Libraries

Promoting Engaging Reading Experiences with Physical Activities—Tori Hopper; Programming and Public Libraries