

CHARGING UP



WITH LITERACY

SoMIRAC 2017

State of Maryland
International Reading Association Council

Forty-fifth Annual Conference
March 29-31, 2017
Hunt Valley Inn, Wyndam Grand, Baltimore

Our conference will once again be *three full days*.

The “**Bring Your Boss to Breakfast**” function will be held on **Wednesday, March 29, 2017**. As this is a sponsored event with limited seating, be sure to register early.

BOX LUNCH SELECTIONS

Smoked Turkey Sandwich, cranberry aioli and Swiss cheese on croissant

Tuna Salad Sandwich with lettuce and tomato on whole grain bread

Vegetarian Wrap with grilled Portobello mushrooms, arugula, roasted peppers and tapenade

Fresh Garden Salad with seasonal vegetables topped with sliced grilled chicken

***All lunches served with a bag of chips, piece of fruit, brownie, soda or water**

NEW!!! LUNCH TIME CHAT AND CHEW

Each day at lunch time from 11:45-12:30 we will be offering “Chat and Chew” sessions where you can take your boxed lunch to a session and listen to the following speakers:

Wednesday: Maryland’s Teachers of the Year

Thursday: Illustrator, Dana Sullivan

Friday: Author, Jason Chin

DINNER (Wednesday 7:00) “Literacy in Motion”

Our special guest speaker will be author/poet Carole Boston Weatherford. A special student group will entertain us with artistic interpretations of her poetry.

AUTHORS’ NIGHT (Thursday evening 7:00-9:00)

Speed date with 16 of our favorite authors and receive an autographed book!

FIRE AND ICE (an ice cream social on steroids!)

Open to everyone Thursday evening after the authors’ night. Join us for some tasty treats and have some fun.

The 45th ANNUAL SoMIRAC CONFERENCE

presents
A Preliminary Program
(subject to change)

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

7:30-2:00	Registration	12:30-1:30	Featured Speakers KENNETH WILLIAMS MARVIN TERBAN STEVE RILEY KATHY SCHROCK
8:00-4:30	Exhibits Open		
7:45-9:15	Bring Your Boss to Breakfast JOHN SCHUMACHER aka "MR. SCHU" <i>(ticketed event)</i>	12:30-1:30	Concurrent Sessions A. Making Diverse Perspectives an Everyday Event, Carolyn Cook B. KinderWheel: Structured Literacy Choices for Young Learners C. Text Alive: Using Scripted Scenes for Classroom Literacy Practice, Leigh Catterton D. The Act of Conversation to Lead Teacher Guided Reading Planning, L. Karen Greene-Turner
8:15-9:15	Featured Speakers VALYNNE MAETANI Concurrent Sessions A. How Can I Spark Curiosity in My Students? Kim Eggborn, Lisa Johnson, Paige Zimmer B. Close Reading of Complex Texts, Rebecca Carranza C. Notes With a V.I.E.W.. Christine Guns D. Establishing a Writing Center to Target Skill in High School Students, Tanya Dunsey-Filson	1:45-2:45	Featured Speakers TIM SHANAHAN KATHY SCHROCK CHRISTINA GONZALEZ Concurrent Sessions A. Fostering a Growth Mindset Through Children's Picture Books, Judith V.T. Wilson B. Research in Action, Katelyn Shenton, Jessica Behar C. Higher Order Conversations, Jody C. Ratti D. Power-Up Your Strategies to Support Content Vocabulary and Comprehension, Kelly Davis, Stephanie Alan, Jonathan Swann, Lauryn Reade
9:30-10:30	Featured Speakers JENNIFER SERAVALLO MONICA BURNS ADVOCACY PANEL BRYNNE BARNES Concurrent Sessions A. Global Classroom: Connecting Your Students With the World, Brian Cook B. The Big Short: The Growing and Harmful Disconnection Between Elementary School Literacy and Literacy in the Departmentalized School, Harry Stein C. Making Science Sparkle for Kids: An Author/Illustrator Reveals How, Susan Stockdale D. Moving From Dependence to Independence: Creating Habits of Mind in the Literacy Classroom, Dawn Little	3:00-4:00	Keynote JENNIFER SERAVALLO
10:45-11:45	Keynote TIM SHANAHAN	4:30-6:00	Young Authors' Receptions BRYNNE BARNES (Grades 2-8) TODD McCLIMANS (Grades 9-12)
11:45-12:30	Lunch Break/Exhibits LUNCH TIME CHAT AND CHEW with Maryland's Teachers of the Year	7:00-9:00	Dinner "LITERACY IN MOTION" A night with CAROLE BOSTON WEATHERFORD and artistic interpretations of her poetry <i>(ticketed event)</i>

