



# Filling Our Cups with Literacy

State of Maryland Literacy Association  
*Forty-Seventh Annual Conference*  
April 3 – 5, 2019

Hunt Valley Inn, Delta Hotels by Marriott,  
Baltimore Maryland

# RSVP

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

## **BOX LUNCH SELECTIONS**

Smoked Turkey Sandwich with 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

**NEW this YEAR\*\*\*Buffet Lunch catered from Cinnamon Tree Restaurant\*\*\***

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

## **Bring Your Boss to Breakfast (Wednesday, 7:45)**

Bring your boss to breakfast to explore a how to create a book-talking culture, and we will include your boss' registration at the conference for the day. Stephanie Brant and Nicole Paylor will facilitate. This is a sponsored event with limited seating, so be sure to register early.

## **Wine & Cheese Reception (Wednesday, 4:30)**

Unwind with us before dinner after a long day at the conference with a bit of wine and cheese to celebrate the day.

## **Look Who's Coming to Dinner (Wednesday 6:00)**

Literacy experts Drs. Kylee Beers and Robert E. Probst will share insights with you over a sumptuous dinner. This is a ticketed event. Get yours early.

## **Free Viewing of *Batman and Bill*, (Wednesday 7:45)**

Marc Tyler Nobleman's research revealed little-known history of the iconic superhero as presented in this documentary. Nobleman will answer questions during this event. We will provide free popcorn and cold beverages for your pleasure. Let us know if you plan to attend.

## **Storyteller's Breakfast (Thursday, 7:45)**

Author Carmen Agra Deedy will enthrall you with her stories as you enjoy a delightful breakfast.

## **A Night with the Authors and Illustrators (Thursday, 7:00-8:30)**

This is always a conference participant favorite. Personally interact with our favorite authors and receive an autographed book signed just for you! This is a ticketed event.

## **Ice Cream Social (Thursday, 8:30)**

Close out the night with some tasty treats and fun. Everyone is invited to this free event!

## **Books and Breakfast (Friday, 7:45 AM)**

Jordan Sonnenblick will escort you down memory lane as you feast on breakfast and his ideas for incorporating memoirs to improve writing.

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## A Preliminary Program

*(Follow us online for updates.)*

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

7:30-2:00 Registration

8:00-4:30 Exhibits Open

7:45-9:15 Bring Your Boss to Breakfast

Stephanie Brant and Nicole Paylor,

Facilitators

(ticketed event)

8:15-9:15 Featured Speaker

Michael Sull

8:15-9:15 Concurrent Sessions

A. Diversifying Instruction to Meet the Needs of Struggling Readers by Integrating Music, Visuals and Texts - Julia Armstrong

B. Creating the Conditions for a Culturally Responsive Classroom: Build Cognitive Routines to Increase Intellectual Brainpower - Dawn Little

C. Tweak Your Read Aloud Instruction Starting Next Week! - Kristen Johnson, Donna Stover, Co-Presenters

D. Teach Your Kids to Be Reading Apprentices - Jodi Smith

E. Testing Without Tears - Jamie Morrow

9:30-10:30 Featured Speakers

Dr. Peter Johnston

Michael Sull (continued from 8:15)

Margie Harding

9:30-10:30 Concurrent Sessions

A. Igniting Literacy Initiatives in Your Community and Building Your Local Literacy Chapter-Sharing Leadership Ideas - Lori Barrick, Sally Marin, Co-Presenters

B. Windows and Mirrors: What Are You Reading? - Senetria Blocker

C. The Power of Book Tasting - Hannah Radi, Jackie Torrelli, Co-Presenters

D. Fill Your Cup with Social-Academic Skills Linked to Literacy Success: Strategies and Actions for Building a Collaborative Classroom Community - Kelly Davis, Jocelyn Forrest, Co-Presenters

10:45-11:45 Keynote Speaker Dr. Doug Fisher

11:45-12:30 (Lunch and Exhibits Open)

12:30-1:30 Featured Speakers

Dr. Peter Johnston

Elizabeth Stuart Whitehead & Jennifer Klein

Dr. Molly Ness

12:30-1:30 Concurrent Sessions

A. The Storyteller's Project: Empowering Students to Share Their Stories - Dawn Little

B. Language Transfer as a Source of Miscues: Understanding the Oral Readings of Emergent Bilinguals - Meghan Liebfreund, Pamela Hickey, Co-Presenters

C. A Process to Support Schools in Adjusting Initial Instruction Based on Data (4A's) - Lura Hanks, Lori A. Ridgely, Co-Presenters

D. Reaching Students Who Have Special Needs... And the Parents Who Come with Them - Barbara Boroson

1:45-2:45 Featured Speakers

Dr. Doug Fisher

Elizabeth Stuart Whitehead & Jennifer Klein

(double session)

Alka Bromiley

1:45-2:45 Concurrent Sessions

A. #OneSchoolOneBook: Fostering a Community of Literacy - Ann K. Anders

B. Warming Up for Reading: Pre-Reading Strategies - Rosemarie Schwer

C. Anchoring Standard 5 to Improve Comprehension and Strengthen Written Organization - Lura Hanks, Courtney Leard, Carly Pumphrey, Co-Presenters

D. Community-Based and Culturally Engaged Literacy - Kristina Collins

3:00-4:00 Keynote Speaker Laura Stewart

4:30-6:00 Young Authors' Receptions

Marc Tyler Nobleman (Grades 2-8)

Renée Watson (Grades 9-12)

6:00-7:30 Look Who Is Coming to Dinner

Dr. Kylene Beers and Dr. Robert E. Probst,

Guest Speakers

(ticketed event)

7:45-9:15 Batman and Bill

Free Documentary Viewing with

Marc Tyler Nobleman



# Friday, April 5, 2019

**7:30-2:00 Registration**  
**7:45-9:15 Books and Breakfast**  
**Jordan Sonnenblick, Guest Speaker**  
(ticketed event)

**8:00 Exhibits Open**

**8:15-9:15 Concurrent Sessions**

- A. Fun and Hands-On Activities for Building Reading Comprehension - Shelly Bentley
- B. Fluency with Poetry - Mary Vincent
- C. Motivating Students to Read Through the Power of Choice - Kara Brady, Carolyn Cook, Co-Presenters
- D. Erasing the Misery of Reading and Spelling Multisyllable Words - Joan Macenat Charles

**9:30-10:30 Keynote Speaker**  
**Dr. Freddy Hiebert**

**10:45-11:45 Featured Speakers**

Dr. Monica Burns  
Lanre Akinsiku  
Jaclyn Paris  
Jordan Sonnenblick

**Concurrent Sessions**

- A. Using Children's Picture Books to Foster a Growth Mindset - Judith V. Wilson
- B. Explicit Instruction: Effective and Efficient Strategies to Teach All Children to Read - Gina B. Williams
- C. Escape the Ordinary with Breakout EDU - Jessica Lemmo

**11:45-12:30 Lunch Break/Exhibits**

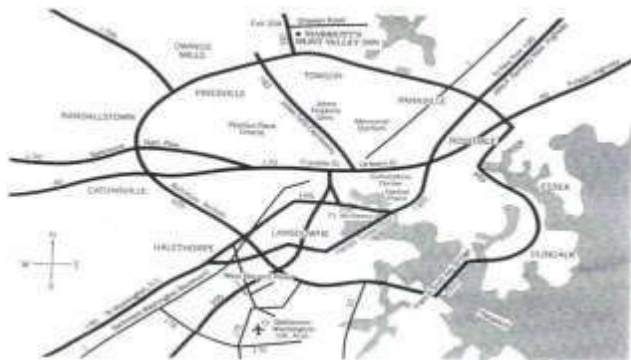
**12:30-1:30 Featured Speakers**

Cornelius Minor  
J. C. Geiger  
Bryan Collier  
Tara Lazar

**12:30-1:30 Concurrent Sessions**

- A. Nurturing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Writers - Rebecca MaryAnn Christian
- B. Building Professional Connections for Pre-Service Teachers: University of Delaware Student Literacy Council - Emily Fudge, Michelle Shear, Kenya Purnell, Rebecca Ralston, Co-Presenters
- C. Newberry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Trends and Teaching Possibilities - Rebecca Grove, Maggie Peterson, Co-Presenters

**1:45-2:45 Keynote Speaker Dr. Kenneth Kunz**



The Hunt Valley Inn is located just east of I-83 on Shawan Road, adjacent to the Hunt Valley Business Community.

Take I-695 (the Baltimore Beltway) to Exit #24 (I-83). Follow I-83 to Exit #20A, Shawan Road at Hunt Valley. Hotel is on your right.

