

2024 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 1 ST			
8:00 – 8:45		REGISTRATION,	
All Day		BOOK MARKET OPEN	
9:00 – 9:15		WELCOME/ INTRODUCTIONS	
Friday 9:15-10:15	SPEAKER	FESTIVAL OPENING ADDRESS	
	Tami Charles	Permission to Feel: How stories fuel SEL & Teach	
Friday 10:30-11:20	SPEAKER	BREAKOUT SESSION TITLE	
	Gennifer Choldenko	The Wild Ride of Collaboration	
	Dan Santat	It's All in the Details	
_	Janet Wong	Give a Poem, Get a Poem: A Writing Workshop with Janet Wong	
	Erin Rivera, Owner of the Frugal Frigate	Turning Pages: Exploring the Best of Children's Literature from the Past Year	
	Mike Graf	The World's Best Places	
	Ellie Huynh Mary Wolfe	A Dive into Social Emotional Learning	
Friday 11:35-12:20	SPEAKER	BREAKOUT SESSION TITLE	
	Mac Barnett	The Making of Extra Yarn and also, Sam & Dave Dig a Hole	
	Sylvia Vardell	Creative Alternatives for Sharing Poetry	
	Dr. Claudette S. McLinn and Michael McLinn	Best Multicultural Books of 2023—A Book Talk	
	Diane Adams	The Scary Something: The Key to Getting Published (Plot Arcs)	
	Caroline Arnold and Rachel Kendall	Graphic Picture Books Keep Young Readers Turning the Page	
	Matthew K. Ritter	Something Wonderful: the Magical World of Figs, Nature, and Biodiversity	

LUNCH 12:35 - 1:25				
Friday 1:30 – 2:30	SPEAKER	POST LUNCHEON ADDRESS		
	Dan Santat	A Slowing Mass of Tangible Thoughts		
Friday 2:45-3:30	SPEAKER	BREAKOUT SESSION TITLE		
	Mac Barnett	The Making of the First Cat in Space Ate Pizza		
	Tami Charles	Ignite Your Inner Author!		
	Gennifer Choldenko	The Gangster Next Door: Writing Kid Friendly Historical Fiction		
	Lisa Silverman	Beatrix Potter: From Peter Rabbit to Conservationist—A life of Imagination and Impact		
	Michelle Worthington	Before Bluey: A Journey Through Australian Picture Books		
Friday 3:45 – 4:45	SPEAKER	FRIDAY CLOSING ADDRESS		
	Sylvia Vardell & Janet Wong	Poetry for Brain Breaks		
Friday 5:00 - 6:30		RECEPTION BOOK SIGNING		
SATURDAY, MARCH 2 ND				
8:00-8:45		REGISTRATION BOOK MARKET OPEN BOOK SIGNING		
8:45-9:00		GENERAL SESSION		
Saturday 9:00 - 10:00	SPEAKER	SATURDAY OPENING ADDRESS		
	Mac Barnett	How to Read a Picture Book		
Saturday 10:15-11:05	SPEAKER	BREAKOUT SESSION TITLE		
	Sylvia Vardell and Janet Wong	Poetry Makerspace with Vardell and Wong		
	Kathy Bloomfield	Children's Literature That Makes a Difference		
	Karen Jameson Dianne White	From Classroom Teachers to Published Authors: Building on Your Strengths		
	Dr. Kimberly A. Gordon Biddle Mrs. Kari Ann Gonzalez	Launching into Literacy and Family Fun		
	Christina LeRoy Kandis Therien	Pop Up a Response to Literature		
Saturday 11:20-12:10	SPEAKER	BREAKOUT SESSION TITLE		

	Tami Charles	Let's Get Lit! The Power of the Picture Book (no matter the grade)	
	Dan Santat	Graphic Novels Are Books	
	Camille Dahnke	Because Books Matter: Teaching Literacy and a Love of Literature Through Literacy Groups	
	Kirsten W. Larson Kristen Nordstrom	Crank Up the Curiosity: Strategies to Ignite a Love of Nonfiction in Young Readers	
	Jonda C. McNair	The End Is Only the Beginning: Exploring Endpapers in Picture Books	
LUNCH AND OPPORTUNITY DRAWING 12:25-1:25			
1:25-2:25	SPEAKER	FESTIVAL CLOSING ADDRESS	
	Gennifer Choldenko	The Secret Life of a Children's Author	
THE END			