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**Unlocking the Potential of Picture Books:  
Literacy Experiences That Inspire Communication,  
Compassion, and Connection**

**Time:** Thursday, 11:30 am – 12:45 pm

**Location:** BCC | Level 1 | Room 162 B



**Book Signing**

**Time:** Friday, 3:00 – 3:45 pm

**Location:** Random House Children's Books Booth



**Building Empathetic Viewpoints through Picture Books**

**Time:** Saturday, 8:15 – 9:30 AM

**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 252 A



**The Power of Poetry: How Lyrical Texts Convey Messages  
of Heart, Hope, and Humanity and Develop Lifelong  
Readers and Writers**

**Time:** Saturday, 2:45 – 4:00 pm

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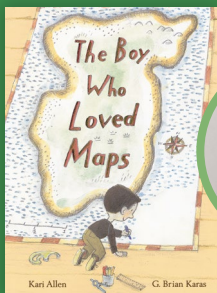


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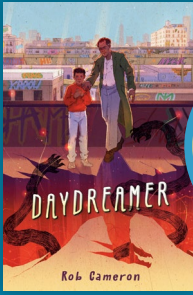


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## #MakersInTheMiddle: Finding Hope in Middle Grade Literature: The Middle Level Mosaic

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# Tina Cane

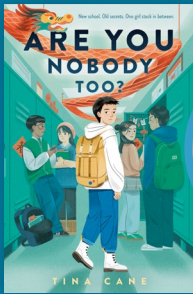


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## Co-Authoring Change: Educator-Community Strategies for Fighting Book Bans

**Time:** Friday, 9:30 – 10:45 am

**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 203



## Book Signing

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## Poetic Narratives: Novels in Verse

**Time:** Tuesday, 12:50 – 1:15 pm

**Location:** ALAN Workshop



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# Gennifer Choldenko



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## Book Signing

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# Linda Coombs

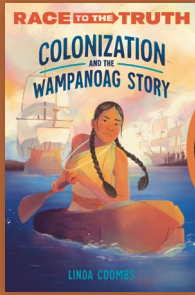


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## #MakersInTheMiddle: Social Awareness and Change through Community Writing and Indigenous Storytelling

**Time:** Friday, 3:30 – 4:45 pm

**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 205 B



## Book Signing

**Time:** Friday, 6:00 – 6:30 pm

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## Using YA Texts to Support Student Community Advocacy

**Time:** Saturday, 8:15 – 9:30 am

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# Megan Davidhizar

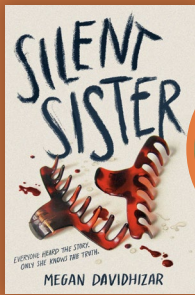


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## Embracing Our Book Love: Overcoming Obstacles to Build Literacy Communities of Hope and Humanity

**Time:** Thursday, 1:00 – 2:15 pm

**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 210 C



## Renewing Our Hope: Becoming Authentic Readers and Writers while Teaching

**Time:** Thursday, 3:15 – 3:45 pm

**Location:** BCC | Level 1 | Room 152



## Book Signing

**Time:** Friday, 10:00 – 10:45 am

**Location:** Random House Children's Books Booth



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# Jumata Emill



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## Journalistic Reflections: Thriller Commentary

**Time:** Monday, 11:35 – 11:55 am

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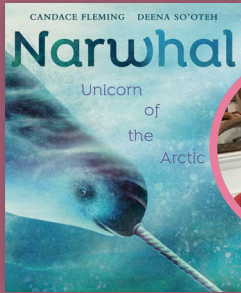


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## Lives and Events of Heart and Hope that Led to Positive, Transformational Change and a Better Life for ALL

**Time:** Thursday, 11:30 am – 12:45 pm  
**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 208



## Vital Stories that Situate Our Hope and Humanity: Long-Form Nonfiction for Today's Adolescent Readers and Writers

**Time:** Friday, 11:00 am – 12:15 pm  
**Location:** BCC | Level 1 | Room 160 B



## From Head to Heart to Hand: The Secret of Crafting Engaging Nonfiction

**Time:** Friday, 12:30 – 1:45 pm  
**Location:** BCC | Level 1 | Room 162 A



## Book Signing

**Time:** Saturday, 5:00 – 5:45 pm  
**Location:** Random House Children's Books Booth



## Girls Just Wanna . . . Make History, Create Change, Be Respected: Narrative Nonfiction to Inspire Hope and Invite Learning

**Time:** Sunday, 10:30 – 11:45 am  
**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 252 B



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# Debbie Fong



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## #MakersintheMiddle: Creating a HeARTful Community: Infusing ELA, Art, and Activism to Promote Student Voices

**Time:** Saturday, 8:15 – 9:30 am  
**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 205 A



## Book Signing

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## Resilience Roads: Characters Finding Their Way

**Time:** Monday, 2:30 – 2:55 pm  
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# Chrystal D. Giles

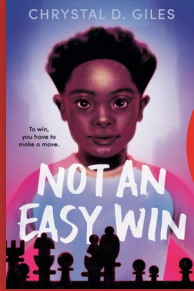


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## Facilitating Fabulous Feedback: Middle Grade Authors' Proven Techniques for Running Effective and Supportive Critique Groups in the Classroom

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## Creating Energized Readers: The Key to an Empathetic, Thoughtful, and Hopeful Future

**Time:** Friday, 9:30 – 10:45 am

**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 208



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## Teachers as Readers: Building Book Knowledge in Service of Reading Joy

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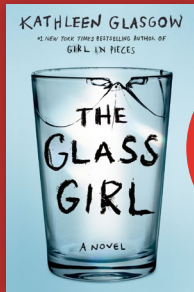


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**Current Conversations about Young Adult Literature in the Classroom**

**Time:** Friday, 9:30 – 10:45 am

**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 253 A-C



**Restoring Silences and Reclaiming Ourselves: Asian/American Stories**

**Time:** Friday, 3:30 – 4:45 am

**Location:** BCC | Level 1 | Room 152



**Book Signing**

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**Location:** Random House Children's Books Booth



**Six YA Authors Highlight Societal Issues In Their Novels, Including Colorism, Various Types of Abuse, Mental Health, Immigration, Addiction, and Climate Change**

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Emily Jenkins

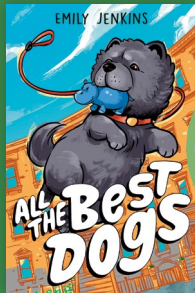


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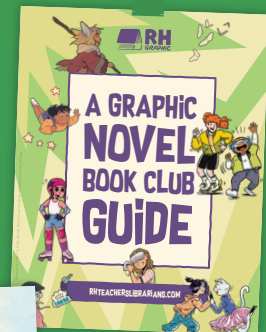
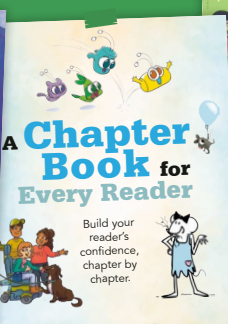
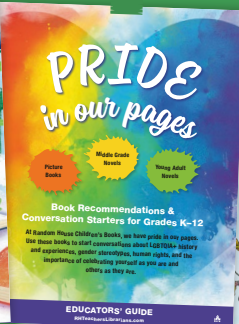
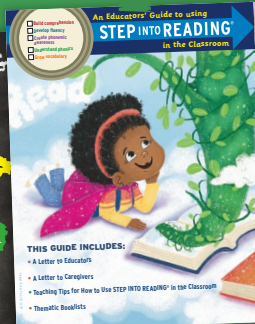
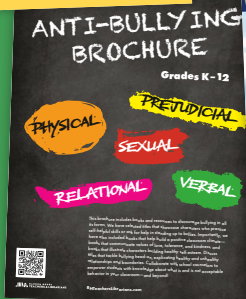


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Kim  
Johnson



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### Everything is Not Okay: Black Teens Changing their Worlds

**Time:** Thursday, 1:00 – 2:15 pm

**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 206 B



### Book Signing

**Time:** Friday, 12:00 – 12:45 pm

**Location:** Random House Children's Books Booth



### Book Signing

**Time:** Saturday, 1:00 – 1:30 pm

**Location:** ALAN Booth 237



### Walden Award Panel

**Time:** Monday, 9:40 – 10:15 am

**Location:** ALAN Workshop



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Lynne  
Kelly



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### No Hero Has to Go Alone: The Vital Importance of Community and Connection in Middle Grade Literature

**Time:** Friday, 11:00 am – 12:15 pm

**Location:** BCC | Level 1 | Room 157 A



### Book Signing

**Time:** Friday, 5:00 – 5:45 pm

**Location:** Random House Children's Books Booth



### Enriching Readers' Lives with Nature-Centered Book Clubs

**Time:** Saturday, 1:15 – 2:30 pm

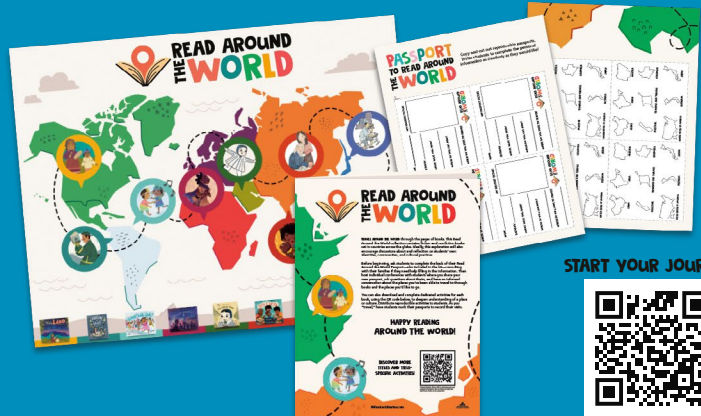
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Hena  
Khan



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### The Resounding Power of Quiet Books: Text-to-Heart Connections in the Classroom

**Time:** Saturday, 8:15 – 9:45 am

**Location:** BCC | Level 1 | Room 160 B



### Book Signing

**Time:** Saturday, 11:00 – 11:50 am

**Location:** Mackin Booth 202



### Is There Hope for Me as an Artist?: Writing, Art, and Anxiety in the Classroom

**Time:** Saturday, 11:5 – 2:30 pm

**Location:** BCC | Exhibit Level | Room 052 A



### #MakersInTheMiddle: Finding Hope in Middle Grade Literature: The Middle Level Mosaic

**Time:** Saturday, 2:45 – 4:00 pm

**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 253 A-C



### Book Signing

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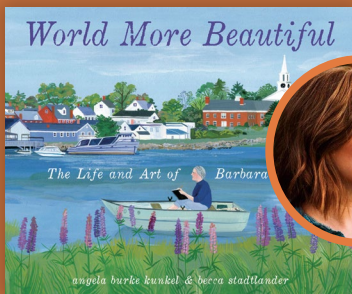


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### Centers of Heart and Hope: Using Picture Book Biographies to Advocate for Libraries

**Time:** Thursday, 1:00 – 2:15 pm

**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 204 A



### Beyond Biographies: Empowering Students to Access Their Own Creative Voice

**Time:** Friday, 12:30 – 1:45 pm

**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 252 A



### Book Signing

**Time:** Friday, 2:00 – 2:45 pm

**Location:** Random House Children's Books Booth



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Lavelle

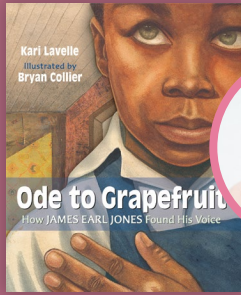


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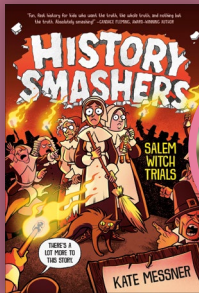


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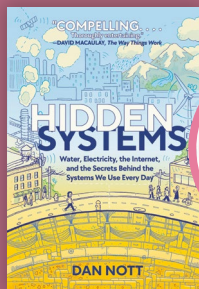


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### Teaching with the 2024 Charlotte Huck and Orbis Pictus Award Books

**Time:** Friday, 3:30 – 4:45 pm

**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 205A



### NCTE Children's Book Awards Luncheon

**Time:** Saturday, 12:30 – 2:30 pm

**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | 210B



### Book Signing

**Time:** Saturday, 5:00 – 5:45 pm

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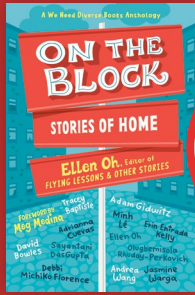


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**ALAN Breakfast Keynote Speaker**

**Time:** Saturday, 7:00 – 9:15 am

**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 210B



**NWP Site Development: Uncovering Heart, Hope, and Humanity across the Network**

**Time:** Saturday, 11:5 – 2:30 pm

**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 253 A-C



**Book Signing**

**Time:** Saturday, 3:00 – 3:45 pm

**Location:** Random House Children's Books Booth



**We Need Diverse Books (WNDB) Presents – An Activation of Hope: Authors Speaking Out and Fighting Book Bans**

**Time:** Saturday, 4:15 – 5:30 pm

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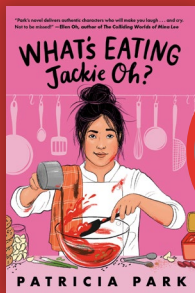


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**Critical Mentorship and Literacy Leadership with Preservice Teachers: Going beyond the Imposter Syndrome**

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## #MakersInTheMiddle: Finding Hope in Middle Grade Literature: The Middle Level Mosaic

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**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 253 A-C



## Celebrating Stories with Traditions to Offer Hope, Grow Heart, and Strengthen Human Bonds

**Time:** Saturday, 4:15 – 5:30 pm

**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 206 A



## Making Space for Our Hearts: How Novels-in-Verse Serve as an Invitation to Student Readers and Writers

**Time:** Sunday, 9:00 – 10:15 am

**Location:** BCC | Level 1 | Room 160 B



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## Soul Stories: Exploring the Full Range of Black Life in Literature

**Time:** Sunday, 9:00 – 10:15 am

**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 206 B



## It's So Hard to Say Goodbye: A Reexamination of the Happy Ending in Realistic Fiction

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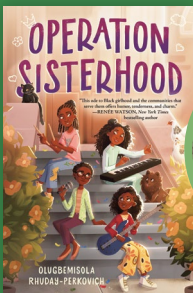


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# Barb Rosenstock



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## Book Signing

**Time:** Saturday, 2:00 – 2:45 pm

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## Children's Literature Assembly Expert Class: Exploring Heart & Hope with Biographies

**Time:** Saturday, 5:45 – 7:00 pm

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## Shake up Your Shelf: An Interactive Roundtable Discussion to Help Meet Your Students Where They're At

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**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 206 A



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## Earth Is What We Have In Common: Using Picture Books about the Natural World

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Sheetal  
Sheth



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### Book Signing

**Time:** Sunday, 8:00 – 8:45 am

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### Beyond Food, Festivals, and Flags: Centering South Asian Identity through Heartfelt Conversations

**Time:** Sunday, 9:00 – 10:15 am

**Location:** BCC | Level 2 | Room 211



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Sita  
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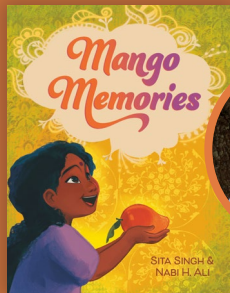


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### Harnessing the Power of Intergenerational Stories in the Classroom

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### Celebrating Stories with Traditions to Offer Hope, Grow Heart, and Strengthen Human Bonds

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### A Common Humanity: Five Marginalized Authors Share Tips and Tools That Inspire Hope and Empower Educators and Students to Write Their Own Heartfelt Stories

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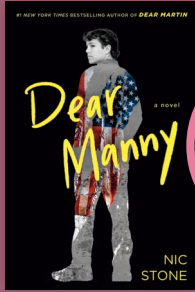


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## Reading Justice, Reaching Justice

**Time:** Saturday, 8:15 – 9:30 am

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**Location:** Random House Children's Books Booth



## Book Signing

**Time:** Saturday, 2:00 – 2:50 pm

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# Elly Swartz



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## Rx for Hope: The Power of Forgiveness in Children's Literature

**Time:** Saturday, 2:45 – 4:00 pm

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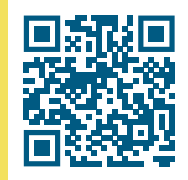
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