



**GROWING**

# Spring Institute

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# 2018

**INSPIRING**

**March 22 - 23, 2018**  
**Grand Valley State University**  
**L.V. Eberhard Center**  
**Grand Rapids, Michigan**

**#MLAS18**

**Thursday, March 22, 2018**

- 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.** Exhibits Open *East Lobby*
- 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.** Registration  
Continental Breakfast *East Lobby*
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## Thank you to our Exhibitors and Sponsors

<b>ABDO Publishing Company Booth: 02</b>	<b>Discovery Toys presented by Betty Jo Winters Booth: 15</b>	<b>ReLeaf Michigan, Inc. Booth: 13</b>
<b>Baker &amp; Taylor, Inc. Booth: 04</b>	<b>Howell Nature Center Booth: 14</b>	<b>Scholastic/ Capstone Booth: 17 &amp; 18</b>
<b>Books Galore, Inc. Booth: 08</b>	<b>Library of Michigan Foundation Booth: 09</b>	<b>Team One Repair, Inc. Booth: 01</b>
<b>Bound to Stay Bound Books Booth: 10</b>	<b>MAME Booth: 07</b>	<b>The Book Farm, Inc. Booth: 16</b>
<b>Cooper-fly Creative Arts Booth: 03</b>	<b>Rainbow Book Company Booth: 05</b>	<b>Zeemo Productions Booth: 06</b>

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### SI Gives Back

Continuing the tradition of supporting local youth-based programs, attendees of Spring Institute are invited to bring a donation for HQ, a drop-in center for youth ages 14 through 24 who are experiencing unsafe or unstable housing. Bring your donations to the registration desk between 8:30 a.m. on Thursday morning and 8:50 a.m. on Friday morning. We will present the items to HQ during Friday's welcome and announcements.

### Social Media

Engage in social media during the conference! Use the official event hashtag #mlaSI18 or tweet to @MLAoffice to ensure your posts are shared with others who are following the event.

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**Opening Keynote with Eric Hoffman**  
*Room 215*

## A Writer's Journey: Computer Geek to Storyteller

When Eric Hoffman graduated from high school in the late 60's, he planned to become a computer scientist like his father. How did he end up working as a preschool teacher, playground and toy designer, and writer of stories for young children? Eric will talk about the personal and cultural currents that led his life down a path he never expected when he left home for college.

Eric is the author of the 2017 MLA Mitten Award winner, *A Dark, Dark Cave*. He has written five books for children and two books for teachers.

He has worked with young children as a teacher and foster parent for over 40 years, in Maryland, Ohio, and California. His work with young children was highlighted in the video and book, *Starting Small*, from the Southern Poverty Law Center. Eric has degrees in architecture and design from MIT and developmental psychology from UC Santa Cruz, and is currently an instructor in the Early Childhood Education program at Cabrillo College in Santa Cruz, California.



- 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.**     **Exhibits Open** *East Lobby*

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## Breakout Sessions

### **Taking on the Challenge: Van Buren County Teen Creative Writing Challenge**

*Room 201*

Learn how to host a successful writing contest at your library! Topics will include funding, judge selection, rules, promotion, and multi-library cooperation. Jeffrey Babbitt created, developed, and launched the Teen Creative Writing Challenge in 2016. Inspired by the success of the multi-library GeekFest event in 2016, Jeffrey invited other library systems to participate in the Challenge in 2017, making the contest a countywide event.

*Jeffrey Babbitt, Van Buren District Library; Whitney Hagen, Paw Paw District Library*

### **So You Want to Be in the Mitten Award Work Group? What Does It Take, Really?**

*Room 202*

Are you considering volunteering with the Mitten Award Work Group? Does reading and evaluating picture books sound like fun? Perhaps you've already been buying picture books for your collection. This can't be that much different, right? Covering aspects such as design, literary quality, art media, and new trends, plus the nitty-gritty of participating in the Mitten Work Group, we'll look behind the scenes at evaluating the picture book format within the context of the Mitten Work Group. Be ready to serve on an ad hoc award group as part of this breakout session!

*Audra Eddy, Saline District Library*

### **Children's Big Questions, and the Picture Books That Help Answer Them**

*Room 203*

Young children are constantly busy figuring out how the world works. In the process, they ask Big Questions, like "What is right and what is wrong?" and "What does it mean to be a friend?" They investigate these questions through play, by observing

adults (and sometimes testing their limits), and by listening to stories. We will look at some of the picture books that help children discover positive answers to their questions.

*Eric Hoffman*

### **Let's Chat: Behavior Management for Children's Events**

*Room 215-AH*

Share your experiences, concerns and advice on managing behavior in programs ranging from story time to after school activities.

*Dena Moscheck, Lapeer District Library; Mike Golczynski, Ionia Community Library*



### **12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch with Kevin & Stephanie Kammeraad**

*Room 215*

## **Stories and Songs from Around the World**

Increase your young patrons' cultural literacy and global awareness by joining Stephanie and Kevin in this fun and informative session as they lead you on an interactive musical and children's literary journey around the world, filled with stories, songs, and facts from each of the seven continents! Learn why multicultural books are important for ALL children, how to infuse your storytimes with them, and some resources available to help you!



### **Who is Kevin?**

Kevin loves to perform, write, draw, sing, make things, and wonder about possibilities. He is an award-winning artist, performer, and children's author of many books and CDs who loves to collaborate with other artists. Each year, he visits schools, libraries, festivals, and conferences to inspire active imaginations through poetry, puppetry, music, and movement. He and his family live in Grand Rapids, MI. Visit [kevinkammeraad.com](http://kevinkammeraad.com) for more.

## Who is Stephanie?

Stephanie is a book-reading, journal-writing, soup-making, smoothie-inventing, vegetable-loving, home-schooling mama of two! She has numerous roles at Cooperfly Creative Arts and started Mama-Lady Books, where her mission is to get great multicultural children's books into the hands of children and the grown-ups who love them! Stephanie currently lives in Grand Rapids with her family.

**1:30 - 2:00 p.m.**      **Book Signing with Eric Hoffman**  
*MLA Bookstore at Registration*

**1:30 - 2:15 p.m.**      **Exhibits Open East Lobby**

**2:15 - 3:15 p.m.**

## Breakout Sessions

### Is Your Library Ready to Code?

*Room 201*

Clarkston Independence District Library won the ALA Libraries Ready to Code Grant (sponsored by Google) and we've just finished our first cycle. Come and learn about grant writing, coding in your library, and hear our hits and misses from the process.

*Alexa Lalejini, Clarkston Independence District Library*

### Book Awards Behind the Scenes: How-To-Do-It With Examples

*Room 202*

Have you always wanted to volunteer for one of these work groups but were afraid it was too much of a commitment? Don't be afraid! It's not as bad as you think. If you love MFIC or YA, volunteer! The Chairs and/or Co-Chairs of these work groups will share with you how these groups decide what to read, the evaluation criteria and how the choices are narrowed down in this presentation. They will also share with you their 2017 work groups' Hits and Misses as examples of how to evaluate children's and young adult literature.

*Tracy Bedford, Clarkston Independence District Library; Audra Eddy, Saline District Library; Jana Slisher, Portland District Library*



**YOU Can Use Puppets***Room 203*

Join Kevin as he explores all things puppet with us, to engage our young patrons during storytimes! Learn tips and tricks from his 20 years' experience as a puppeteering author and illustrator, and leave feeling inspired and confident to incorporate puppets!

*Kevin Kammeraad, Cooperfly Creative Arts*

**Let's Chat: The Power of Collaborative Brainstorming in Youth Services Programming***Room 215-AH*

Do you hear the phrase "we've always done it that way!" when it comes to program planning? Feel like you're lacking enthusiasm for your programs and you can't figure out why? Join this dynamic session that will focus on the power of collaborative brainstorming to create a framework to identify when it's time to re-imagine or retire programs. Bring examples of successful and challenging programs from your experience to share. Leave with renewed enthusiasm and a personal learning network to continue learning beyond the conference!

*Erin Davidson, Herrick District Library; Amanda Heidema, Herrick District Library*

**3:15 - 3:45 p.m.****Exhibits Open** *East Lobby***Afternoon Refreshments** *East Lobby***3:45 - 4:45 p.m.****2017 Thumbs Up! Award Presentation****Afternoon Keynote and Book Signing with****Jeff Zentner** *Room 215, MLA Bookstore at**Registration*

## Writing a New American Story: The Importance of Stories and Empathy

Jeff Zentner will speak about the importance of stories—and those who serve youth with stories—to build empathy and counteract narratives of fear and hatred in our society.



He is the author of New York Times Notable Book *The Serpent King* as well as *Goodbye Days*. His third book, *Rayne & Delilah's Midnite Matinee* is forthcoming in Spring 2019. He is the winner of the William C. Morris Award, the Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award, the International Literacy Association Award, and the Westchester Fiction Award.

His books have been nominated and longlisted for the Carnegie Medal, and he has been a finalist for the Indies Choice Award and the Southern Book Prize, and been named a Publishers Weekly Flying Start. Before becoming a writer, he was a musician who recorded with Iggy Pop, Nick Cave, and Debbie Harry. He lives in Nashville.

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## 2018 MLA Thumbs Up! Award Teen Vote

We are pleased to announce the top ten titles for the 2018 Thumbs Up! Award. Now it's time for the teens to vote! Share this link and encourage your teen patrons to vote by May 31, 2018.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018ThumbsUpTeenVote>

- *Bull* by David Elliott
- *Eliza and Her Monsters* by Francesca Zappia
- *Landscape with Invisible Hand* by M.T. Anderson
- *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds
- *One of Us Is Lying* by Karen M. McManus
- *Solo* by Kwame Alexander with Mary Rand Hess
- *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue (Guide #1)* by Mackenzi Lee
- *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
- *Warcross (Warcross #1)* by Marie Lu
- *Who Killed Christopher Goodman?* by Allan Wolf



**5:00 - 6:00 p.m.**     **Cool Things My Library Does Reception & Prize Drawing** *West Gallery*

## Cool Things My Library Does Reception

Explore the “cool things” libraries in our great state are doing! Discover exciting new ideas at each table and find out how you can implement these great programs and projects at your own library. Light appetizers and beverages available.



### **3-D Print & Sprint**

*David Silberman, Novi Public Library*

### **Awesome Teen Crafts and Clubs**

*Therese Bulszewicz, Romeo District Library*

### **Henna for Teens - Henna to Dye For**

*Anshu Varma, Henna By Design*

### **How to Teach Chess Even If You Don't Know How to Play**

*Jeff Jantz, Wayne State University, C2 Pipeline*

### **Readers' Choice Award**

*Anne Pott, Herrick District Library*

### **Ready Reads**

*Megan Goedge, Petoskey District Library*

### **The Library Is Going to the Dogs!**

*Beth Lowe, Fowlerville District Library*

### **Uke-ing Around with Puppets**

*Patricia Kjolhede, Tunes and Tales by Tricia*

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## **Position Yourself for Career Advancement**

Even though you excel at your job there's always room for improvement. And whether you want to advance your career now or later, if you start implementing success strategies today it will greatly increase your chance for professional success tomorrow. A new role, a new team, new leadership or even a new organization comes with an entirely new set of expectations. Be ready. This program highlights the six steps you can start today to position yourself for career advancement and long-term professional success.



Kim has over 16 years' experience coaching, training and consulting in the human resources industry. She works with clients throughout the U.S. helping them realize their full potential, reach their dreams and become career happy.

**10:10 - 11:10 a.m.**

## **Breakout Sessions**

### **Little Explorers: A Sensory Explosion!**

*Room 201*

You've probably heard of sensory play, but did you know that this type of play is very beneficial for children? From birth, babies learn about their world using their five senses. As they grow, children's senses are their most familiar and most basic way to explore and process new information. There are many sensory activities out there! Most of these stations can be created from at-home items or inexpensive goods. Come learn about how crucial sensory play is to Early Literacy and how easy it can be to add to any library program!

*Tina Rossow, Clarkston Independence District Library; Rosemary Retford, Clarkston Independence District Library*

**Diversity in Youth Literature Part One: Picture Books & Early Chapter Books***Room 202*

We all know how important it is for kids and teens to see reflections of themselves in literature, especially written by members of their communities. We will discuss recent stand-out books for kids and teens, that are diverse in race, gender identity, learning and physical abilities. We'll share tips for curating diverse and inclusive library collections and look at publishing practices and underrepresented authors. Come with your best ideas and favorite recent titles!

*Nakenya Lewis-Yarbrough, Belleville Area District Library; Katy Krump, Plymouth District Library*

**Where Will We Pop-Up Next?***Room 203*

Join the Fowlerville District Library pop-up staff as we show you how we have created a successful pop-up library program. We will share how we were able to pop-up in our public schools and promote our library services outside the walls of our library. We will also present on how we have grown this program over the last four years and have increased what we offer our young adult patrons in our public schools.

*Natalya Anton, Fowlerville District Library; Beth Lowe, Fowlerville District Library*

**Let's Chat: Community Supports for Youth in Crisis***Room 215-AH*

This session will provide participants with information about the social services available to youth who are in crisis. Participants will also learn about HQ, the Runaway and Homeless Youth Drop In Center, located in the Heartside neighborhood of Grand Rapids, MI. Ways to support individuals who are in crisis or escalated will also be covered.

*Demetria Phillips, HQ*

**11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. Breakout Sessions**

## Breakout Sessions

### Ready to Read Michigan: Resources for Michigan's Early Literacy Initiative

*Room 201*

Achieve a better understanding of the Michigan Department of Education's Early Literacy Initiative, while learning how MeL.org and Library of Michigan resources will support public library works in early literacy.

*Cathy Lancaster, Library of Michigan; Christine Schneider, Library of Michigan*

### Diversity in Youth Literature Part Two: Middle Grade & YA

*Room 202*

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*Nakenya Lewis-Yarbrough, Belleville Area District Library; Katy Krump, Plymouth District Library*

### Fun for the Whole Family: Storytelling With Folktales

*Room 203*

Storytime provides an invaluable resource for families, but selecting exactly the right stories to engage your audience (and keep them engaged!) can be a challenge, especially if you feel like you're out of ideas. For the days when you can't seem to find that perfect book to read aloud or want something extra special, try telling a folktale! In this presentation, we will demonstrate how to adapt folktales of all types to suit young audiences, use repetition and rhyme to encourage participation, and work with puppets, props, or even just your voice to tell the story.

*Elizabeth Pearce, Ann Arbor District Library; Kayla Coughlin, Ann Arbor District Library*

**Stretch Your Storytime***Room 215-AH*

Come along on a journey to season your storytime a little differently. In this session, you will learn the elements and design of a yoga-based storytime that beautifully combine with the five early literacy practices. Complete with a magic bowl, breathing ball, and freeze diamonds, you will learn to breathe and bend with books, poses, and songs suitable for young children and their caregivers. Learn to hold space, add structure, take a deep breath, and most importantly, have fun in your storytime!

*Ashten Wilkey, Kent District Library***12:20 - 1:50 p.m. Just Lunch - Trivia Challenge** *Room 215***Just Lunch**

Join us for a little friendly competition during this fun and interactive lunch that will make you forget that you're networking. This table vs. table trivia challenge offers opportunities to collaborate, connect and engage with your fellow librarians. Winners take home bragging rights but everyone leaves as a networking champion!

**2:00 - 3:00 p.m.****Breakout Sessions****Breaking out of the Box for Kids, Teens, Staff, & Beyond!***Room 201*

The BreakoutEDU community has adapted the escape room concept for use in education. Buy their pre-assembled kit (or assemble your own) and register for a free account (no purchase necessary) to access hundreds of games for all ages, interests, and content areas. In this session, learn the basics of Breakout, how to adapt it for any space or budget, and best practices for using it in your library.

*Janice Heilman, Howell Carnegie District Library; Elizabeth Norton, Commerce Township Community Library*

**PRIME TIME Family Reading Time...More Than a Free Dinner!***Room 202*

PRIME TIME Family Reading Time, a grant-funded humanities-based program, aims to engage families of non-active library users with storytelling and book discussions to promote critical thinking skills, as well as free meals, door prizes, and free books. James Nelson, Program Officer for Michigan Humanities Council, will discuss the grant application process, the criteria for selecting grants in Michigan, and training for the staff of selected sites. Librarians from two host libraries will discuss how PRIME TIME® has worked for them, what they learned, and how they improved the program each year, including the preparation and presentation of the program itself.

*Jamie Babcock, Warren Public Library; Bethany Bruns, Farmington Community Library; Lisa Martin, Warren Public Library; James Nelson, Michigan Humanities Council*

**Teen Mental Health: Become a QPR-Trained Gatekeeper***Room 203*

In QPR the general public is educated about the known warning signs of a suicide crisis: expressions of hopelessness, depression, giving away prized possessions, talking of suicide, securing lethal means, and then taught how to respond. As a QPR-trained Gatekeeper you will learn to recognize the warning signs of suicide, know how to offer hope, and know how to get help and save a life.

*Sojourner Jones, Northeast Guidance Center*

**Let's Chat: Public School Collaboration***Room 215-AH*

Let's discuss on how to start and maintain a school library partnership no matter how big or small your district schools are. We can also talk about how to work with library media specialist and successfully implement and assess initiatives.

*Jessica Anne Bratt, Grand Rapids Public Library*





3:10 p.m.

Prize Drawing *Room 215*

3:10 - 4:10 p.m.

Closing Keynote with Jeffrey Brown  
*Room 215*

## How Do We Get There From Here?

Bestselling author Jeffrey Brown talks about (and shows!) the unlikely journey that led him from a childhood of doodling Darth Vader on scrap paper, all the way to achieving his dream of a career drawing comics and making books. In addition to sharing his own story and insights into his creative process, he'll talk about the rewards and importance of inspiring kids to read and tell their own stories.



Jeffrey Brown is the best selling author and illustrator of the middle grade *Jedi Academy* series as well as the *Darth Vader and Son* series. Jeffrey has also written a number of autobiographical books for adults, humorous graphic novels about cats, and parodies like *Incredible Change-Bots*.

Currently, Jeffrey is working on the middle grade series *Lucy & Andy Neanderthal*, chronicling the adventures of two prehistoric cave kids living 40,000 years ago. The latest book in the series, *Lucy & Andy 2: The Stone Cold Age*, is a Junior Library Guild Selection.

4:10 - 4:30 p.m.

Book Signing with Jeffrey Brown  
*MLA Bookstore at Registration*

**MLA Bookstore Provided by Schuler Books**  
Visit the bookstore at the registration desk!

# SCHULER BOOKS

## 2018 Mitten and YouPer Award Top Titles

Review the short list of titles vying for the 2018 Mitten and YouPer awards and share them with your patrons to see if they agree with our work groups' selections. Winners will be announced at MLA 2018 this October in Novi.

### Mitten Award Top Ten Titles

(Youth literature in picture book format.)

*A Perfect Day* by Lane Smith

*After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)* by Dan Santat

*Balderdash!: John Newbery and the Boisterous Birth of Children's Books* by Michelle Markel, illustrated by Nancy Carpenter

*Big Cat, Little Cat* by Elisha Cooper

*Bob, Not Bob!* by Liz Garton Scanlon and Audrey Vernick, illustrated by Matthew Cordell

*Sergeant Reckless: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero* by Patricia McCormick, illustrated by Iacopo Bruno

*The Wolf, the Duck & the Mouse* by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Jon Klassen

*Town Is by the Sea* by Joanne Schwartz, illustrated by Sydney Smith

*Windows* by Julia Denos, illustrated by E.B. Goodale

*Winter Dance* by Marion Dane Bauer, illustrated by Richard Jones

### YouPer (Young Person) Award "High Five"

(Youth literature in chapter book format.)

*Clayton Byrd Goes Underground* by Rita Williams-Garcia

*Forever, or a Long, Long Time* by Caela Carter

*Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow* by Jessica Townsend

*Posted* by John David Anderson

*Refugee* by Alan Gratz

MLA thanks the 2018 Mitten, YouPer and Thumbs Up! work group members who spent months reviewing, reading and ranking books to establish these lists. We look forward to revealing the winners in October at the MLA 2018 Annual Conference in Novi!

Get to know your fellow librarians and be entered in a drawing! Talk to people about their ideas on the topics below. Enter your favorite response into the networking scavenger hunt prize giveaway each day at registration. Prize winners will be picked at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 22 at the *Cool Things My Library Does* Reception and then again at 3:10 p.m. on Friday, March 23. You must be present to win.

<b>Favorite Idea from SI</b>	<b>Favorite Current Picture Book</b>	<b>Cheap/Free Program Idea</b>	<b>New Outreach Ideas</b>
<b>Teen Ice Breaker</b>	<b>Best Idea for Summer</b>	<b>Favorite New App</b>	<b>Creative Jobs for Volunteers</b>
<b>Unique Collection</b>	<b>Best STEAM Program</b>	<b>Best Passive Program</b>	<b>Favorite Blog/ Podcast/ YouTube Channel</b>
<b>Favorite Current Grown-Up Book</b>	<b>Favorite Current Middle Grade Book</b>	<b>Favorite Current YA Book</b>	<b>Dream Vacation</b>
<b>Favorite TV Show</b>	<b>Favorite Movie</b>	<b>Favorite Hobby</b>	<b>Pet's Name</b>

# Spring Institute 2018 Work Group

**Chair:** Thais Rousseau, Capital Area District Libraries

**Vice Chair:** Cassie Veselovsky, Capital Area District Libraries

Lydia Daniels, Hackley Public Library

Tonya DuPree, Detroit Public Library

Mike Golczynski, Ionia Community Library

April Hughes, Cass District Library

Mark Jemerson, Grand Rapids Public Library

Ashley Lehman, Ferndale Area District Library

Dena Moscheck, Lapeer District Library

Jeanette Smith, Romeo District Library



## Save the Date:

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**March 27-29, 2019**

**Bay City, MI**

## Save the Date:

**MLA 2018 Annual**

**Conference**

**October 17-19, 2018**

**Novi, MI**

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