
Event Agenda

UVU For the Love of Reading Conference 2025

Monday, September 29, 2025

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Registration
7:45 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast/Welcome/Announcements Location: Grand Ballroom
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Keynote Speaker - Ellen Hopkins - Drawing Inspiration from Challenges Location: Grand Ballroom Speaker: Ellen Hopkins
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Book Signing/Break - Ellen Hopkins and Christine Day Speakers: Ellen Hopkins, Christine Day
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Session 1 - The Best Children's Books of the Year Location: Grand Ballroom Speakers: Joy Peterson, Mitzi Cooper, Katie Irion
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM - 11:45 PM	Breakout Session 2
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	2-1: Title Needed Location: Grand Ballroom Speaker: Gary Schmidt
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	2-2: Applying the Science of Reading to Secondary Location: Juniper Speaker: Trent Mikesell
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	2-3: Building Meaningful Teacher Read-aloud Experiences in the Upper Elementary Grades: Before, During, After, and Beyond! Location: Cedar Speaker: Lori Brandt
11:00 AM - 11:45 PM	2-4: See the Possibilities for All Abilities: Strategies for Elementary Librarians Location: Birch Speakers: Noellee Hill, Lisa Tua'itanu
11:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Lunch Location: Grand Ballroom
12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	Keynote Speakers - Amy and Greg Newbold Location: Grand Ballroom Speakers: Amy Newbold, Greg Newbold
1:15 PM - 1:45 PM	Book Signing/Break - Amy & Greg Newbold and Gary Schmidt Speakers: Amy Newbold, Greg Newbold, Gary Schmidt
1:45 PM - 2:30 PM	Breakout Session 3
1:45 PM - 2:30 PM	3-1: Title Needed Location: Grand Ballroom Speaker: Christine Day

1:45 PM - 2:30 PM	3-2: Increasing Authentic Reading with Synchronous Paired Oral Reading Techniques (SPORT) Location: Juniper Speaker: Jake Downs
1:45 PM - 2:30 PM	3-3: Authentic Vocabulary Routines using Read-Aloud Books Location: Cedar Speaker: Lisa Calvert
1:45 PM - 2:30 PM	3-4: Opening A Chapter on Loving Chapter Books Location: Birch Speaker: Misty Rindlisbacher
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	Break
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Keynote Speaker - Lorena Germán - Literacy Instruction for These Times Location: Grand Ballroom Speaker: Lorena Germán
3:45 PM - 4:15 PM	Book Signing - Lorena Germán and Amy and Greg Newbold Speakers: Amy Newbold, Greg Newbold, Lorena Germán
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Author Dinner (Ticketed Event) Location: Aspen Room Speakers: Ellen Hopkins, Christine Day, Gary Schmidt, Amy Newbold, Greg Newbold, Lorena Germán

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10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Breakout Session 4
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	4-1: Amy & Greg Newbold - Empowering Creative Kids Location: Grand Ballroom Speakers: Amy Newbold, Greg Newbold
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	4-2: Beyond Cheating: Thinking about AI in ELA Instruction Location: Juniper Speaker: Tom Smith
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	4-3: Dynamic Writing: Learn by Doing Location: Cedar Speaker: Laura Reina
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	4-4: Igniting Inquiry: Fueling Reader Engagement with Dynamic Text Sets Location: Birch Speakers: Naomi Watkins, Davina Sauthoff
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Breakout Session 5

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	5-1: Ellen Hopkins - Title Needed Location: Grand Ballroom Speaker: Ellen Hopkins
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	5-2: Dialogic Teaching Location: Juniper Speaker: Dawan Coombs
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	5-3: Beyond the Words: Merging Writing and Social Emotional Growth through Picture Books Location: Cedar Speaker: Cami Player
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	5-4: When Time Is Short: Effective Reader's Advisory for a Limited Time Frame Location: Birch Speakers: Virginia Pine, Elizabeth Weaver, Teresa Wellborn
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch/Literacy Champion Awards Location: Grand Ballroom
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	Breakout Session 6
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	6-1: Panel Discussion - How to Host an Author at Your School Location: Grand Ballroom Speakers: Frank Cole, Scott Savage, Jen Savage, Amy Newbold, Greg Newbold, Sabine Berlin
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	6-2: Payson Page Turners; Reigniting Reading Interest in High School Students Location: Juniper Speakers: Megan Russell, Tani Griffin
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	6-3: Graphical Literacy Skills Instruction Using Children's Magazines Location: Cedar Speaker: Marla K. Robertson
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	6-4: Moving Beyond Fiction: Exploring Melissa Stewart/Marlene Correia's 5 Kinds of Nonfiction Location: Birch Speaker: Bryant Baird
1:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Break/Book Signing - Discussion Panelists Speakers: Frank Cole, Scott Savage, Jen Savage, Amy Newbold, Greg Newbold, Sabine Berlin
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	Breakout Session 7
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	7-1: Lorena Germán - Skills and Justice: Textured Teaching Framework Location: Grand Ballroom Speaker: Lorena Germán
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	7-2: Relatability Versus Relevance: Engaging Empathy via Intentional Disconnection Location: Juniper Speaker: Taylor Dougherty
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	7-3: Multi-Language Learners Location: Cedar Speaker: Jamie Davis-Leite
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	7-4: Stories of Strength: Guiding Children Through Challenges with Literature Location: Birch Speaker: Keri Measom
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	Break
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Keynote Speaker - Gary Schmidt Location: Grand Ballroom Speaker: Gary Schmidt

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

Closing Announcements and Prizes

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3:45 PM - 4:15 PM

Book signing - Gary Schmidt and Ellen Hopkins

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