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# Event Agenda

UVU For the Love of Reading Conference 2025

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## Monday, September 29, 2025

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

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

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## Tuesday, September 30, 2025

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	<b>Registration</b>
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>Breakfast/Welcome/Announcements</b> Location: Grand Ballroom
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	<b>Keynote Speaker - Christine Day</b> Location: Grand Ballroom Speaker: Christine Day
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Book Signing/Break - Christine Day and Lorena German</b> Speakers: Lorena Germán, Christine Day
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	<b>Breakout Session 4</b>
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	<b>4-1: Amy &amp; Greg Newbold - Empowering Creative Kids</b> Location: Grand Ballroom Speakers: Amy Newbold, Greg Newbold
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	<b>4-2: Beyond Cheating: Thinking about AI in ELA Instruction</b> Location: Juniper Speaker: Tom Smith
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	<b>4-3: Dynamic Writing: Learn by Doing</b> Location: Cedar Speaker: Laura Reina
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	<b>4-4: Igniting Inquiry: Fueling Reader Engagement with Dynamic Text Sets</b> Location: Birch Speakers: Naomi Watkins, Davina Sauthoff
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>Break</b>
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	<b>Breakout Session 5</b>

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

**3:30 PM - 3:45 PM**

**Closing Announcements and Prizes**

Location: Grand Ballroom

**3:45 PM - 4:15 PM**

**Book signing - Gary Schmidt and Ellen Hopkins**

Speakers: Ellen Hopkins, Gary Schmidt