

OUR SPEAKERS

Lisa Fipps

Find Your Voice and Roar

Whether it's learning how to stand up to bullies; taking a stand to fight for what's right for others, society, or themselves; or realizing who they are and their value and place in the world, so many have no idea how to find and use their voice - and some don't even realize they have the right to have one. Using inspiration from literature, Lisa will show how readers can go from feeling like they don't have a voice or a right to be heard, to roaring.

Kelly Jensen

We Can't Not Talk About It: The Intersecting Challenges and Opportunities Around Mental Health, Librarians, and Young People

Considering the mental health realities facing library workers, as well as the young people they serve, we will explore not only the difficulties but the opportunities to cultivate policies, resources, and programs to serve the mental health needs of the entire library ecosystem.

VENUES

1000 Islands Harbor Hotel

Ballroom (Keynotes)

Picton Room (Breakouts)

Clayton Opera House

403 Riverside Drive

Hawn Memorial Library

220 John Street



The Youth Services Section
of the
New York Library Association
presents

THE ROARING TWENTIES

Finding Your
Voice in a LOUD
Decade

CLAYTON, NY
APRIL 19, 2024





BREAKOUT SESSIONS



Baby Raves!

Music, movement and play-themed programming! Get tips on publicity, supplies, staffing needs, and getting management on board with early childhood development benefits. *(Kristi Dougherty & Joan Stoltman)*

Best New Children's Books Spring 2024

Preview new and recently published elementary books that are authentic, realistic, and uphold a culturally conscious ideology and message. *(Charlie Kelly)*

Here We Go 'Round... the Director's Desk

Our presenters will share how their experiences in youth services set them up for success as directors, including management and networking, creative problem solving, time management, advocacy, public speaking, marketing and more! *(Jenny Burke & Lisa Neuman)*

The Importance of Joining Community Boards

Joining community boards is important! Learn how to get involved and why it is also good for libraries and library staff. *(Suzie Renzi-Falge)*

Lessons Learned from an SEL Anime Club

Go behind the scenes of a social emotional learning-themed anime club for tweens and teens, including the motivation behind the project, planning and implementation, successes, and learning experiences. *(Margaret Martin)*

Managing a Teen Leaders Club @ Your Library

Learn to build and facilitate a leadership club for secondary students in your community, helping them to run library programs and develop a life-long affinity for service and volunteerism. *(Laura Panter)*

Picture Book Biographies That Make Great Booktalks and Programs!

Come see why picture book biographies are special, easy to booktalk, and work with special programming. Put together a series on music, artists, comic book creators, scientists and more! *(Joyce Laiosa)*

The Science of Reading at Your Library

We'll discuss best practices for developing a collection of decodable books and phonics activities for new and struggling readers and share our experience with a series of classes for adults all about the Science of Reading. *(Mary Beth Schwartzwald)*

Sneaking It In

Looking for ways that school librarians can collaborate with teachers in non-English classes to sneak in reading? Learn to foster connections that provide spaces for reading engagement. *(Alicia Abdul)*

Table Talks

Connect with librarians presenting on a variety of youth services-related topics in this signature YSS session.

WCSD Reads: Community, Connections, Creativity

Create a reading initiative that encourages students to read the same book together and allows them the opportunity for critical thinking, creativity, teamwork and thoughtful discussion. *(Jamie Lee)*

We Lead With Kindness Here

Join a discussion on strategies for holding inclusive and supportive spaces in which LGBTQ+ youth and gender expansive youth are encouraged to be themselves. *(Emery Grant)*

DAY AT A GLANCE



8-8:30am: Registration open

8:30-9am: Breakfast

9-9:15am: Welcome from YSS Board

9:15-10:15am: Keynote Address

Lisa Fipps:

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10:45-11:30am: Breakout Session 1

Best New Children's Books / Picton
Sneaking It In / Library
The Science of Reading / Opera 1
SEL Anime Club / Opera 2

12pm: Lunch

12:30pm: Luncheon Speaker

Kelly Jensen:

We Can't Not Talk About It

2-2:45pm: Breakout Session 2

Picture Book Biographies / Picton
Joining Community Boards / Library
Baby Raves! / Opera 1
We Lead with Kindness Here / Opera 2

3-4pm: Breakout Session 3

Here We Go 'Round... / Picton
WCSD Reads / Library
Teen Leaders Club / Opera 1
Table Talks / Opera 2

4:30pm: Networking/Explore Clayton!