Annual YSS Spring Conference  
Friday, April 28, 2017  
Day at a Glance

State Theatre:
8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration, Breakfast, Book and Booth Sales, Donation Drop off.
9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Welcome by YSS President, Announcements, Keynote Address.
10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Networking/Vendors/Booth Sales/ Walk to Cinemapolis.

**Workshop Session #1: 10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

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| 1-A           | *Sparking Teen Creativity With New Programs*  
**Presenter:** Kristie Revicki, Morristown & Morris Township Library  
Learn how you can collaborate with local teachers and community organizations to infuse creativity coaching methods into your summer programming and beyond. | Cinema 1 |
| 1-B           | *Yoga Storytime*  
**Presenter:** Diane Hamilton, Om Child Yoga  
An introduction to teaching yoga, breath and mindfulness to children through stories plus developing a family yoga story hour. | Cinema 3 |
| 1-C           | *The Innovation of Making*  
**Presenter:** Heather Turner, Teacher Librarian, Fabius Pompey MS/HS Library  
This workshop will talk about getting more out of a Makerspace. How do you get students to get beyond crafts and into deeper levels of thinking? We will also talk about how to setup a Makerspace in your library with large and small budgets. | Cinema 4 |
| 1-D           | *Creating Community Partnerships to Encourage Families with Babies to Frequent Our Libraries*  
**Presenter:** Brigid Hubberman, Children's Reading Connection  
Brigid Hubberman, founder of Children’s Reading Connection, will share models and best practices for community partnerships that promote and support families with babies developing the habit of taking their babies to the library early and often. | Cinema 5 |
| 1-E           | *How Tweens Roll*  
**Presenter:** Shannon O’Connor, Edith B. Ford Memorial Library  
Creating engaging tween programs and keeping order are only half of the fun; getting kids to a rural library is the real challenge. Learn the steps the Ovid Library used to create the LIFT (Libraries for T(w)eens) Afterschool Program which provides bussing for all attendees. | Cinema 2 |
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Networking/Vendors/Booth sales/ Autographs/Walk back to State Theatre
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Luncheon, Announcements and Raffles
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Networking/Vendors/Booth Sales/Autographs/Walk back to Cinemapolis

**Workshop Session #2: 2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

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| 2-F Focus: Tween | *Minecraft Basics: Starting a Program in Your Library*  
**Presenter:** Drew Montreuil, Groton Free Library  
Learn the basics of the hit gaming craze, Minecraft! By the end of this workshop, you will know what a Creeper is, understand why Minecraft fits perfectly in libraries, and have all the tools you need to tap into this great resource to attract youth! | Cinema 2 |
| 2-G Focus: Teen | *Teens My Life*  
**Presenter:** Jessica Gordon, Finkelstein Memorial Library  
Make your library programs relevant to the real life pressures and experiences your teens are living. The Teen My Life series uses three to five programs to present teens with college and life skills that are useful for the future. | Cinema 1 |
| 2-H Focus: Admin | *Supporting Homeschoolers Panel*  
**Presenters:** Gina Varriocio, Homeschooling Parent, Diane Pamela, Southworth Library, Anna Chappell, Port Byron Library.  
Do you have homeschooling families at your library and are not sure what they need? In this panel, learn about some of the resources homeschooling families need and how to reach out to these underserved patrons. | Cinema 3 |
| 2-I Focus: Elementary | *Program Planning for All*  
**Presenter:** Madelyn Lombardo, Phillips Library and Tully Free Library  
Learn how to develop programs in a snap! You will learn many resources to help you in getting program ideas and then learn how to take these ideas and make a tremendous program. You will also learn how to plan your programs so that years down the line you can look back at your previous programs and put one into action in a flash. | Cinema 5 |
| 2-I Focus: 0-5 | *Sensory-Friendly Libraries: How Libraries of All Sizes and Budgets Can “Adapt and Include”*  
**Presenter:** Kate DeVoe, Tompkins County Public Library  
This informative training session will introduce participants to Tompkins County Public Library’s “Adapt and Include” programs—Sensory Storytime, Sensory Films and the ever-popular Sensory Station. Participants will learn how to leverage the expertise of community partners to develop and strengthen inclusion-based program offerings and how to make all library programs more inclusive. | Cinema 4 |

2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Networking/Vendors/Booth Sales/Walk to TCPL (if applicable)
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| **Unboxing Your Ideas!**  
- Literary LEGO® (all ages),  
- LGB and Especially T: Serving Queer Youth  
- Mini Lock-In Events  
- Ready to Read at NYS Libraries (Early Lit)  
- Toot Your Own Horn (Admin)  
**Presenters:**  
- Tara Montoney, Seneca Falls Library  
- Regina DeMauro, Tompkins County Public Library  
- Chrissie Morrison, Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library  
- Sharon Phillips, New York State Library  
- Christina Ryan-Linder, Greenburgh Public Library and Gail Brown, Voorheesville Public Library | Borg Warner Room TCPL |
| **FFL Summer STEAM Camps**  
**Presenter:** Leah Kraus, Fayetteville Free Library  
Participants in this session will learn strategies for how to plan and execute their own summer camps and leave with ideas for individual STEAM and coding programs they can use throughout the year. | Cinema 5 |
| **Grant Writing that Gets Results**  
**Presenter:** Janet Cotraccia, Community Foundation of Tompkins County  
Whether you are new to grant writing or have some experience under your belt, this workshop will offer practical tips on how to sharpen your skills. Examples of library-related applications will show you what words and what might need a little tweaking to put your proposal on the top of the list. | Cinema 3 |
| **Retail Your Space**  
**Presenter:** Margo Gustina, Southern Tier Library System  
Design your space for use and warmth. Highlight your collections and remove barriers to enjoyment! In this workshop we’ll take the best from the world of retail, combine it with the best in library service and try our skills out on the book floor. | Cinema 4 |
| **Guerilla Storytimes**  
**Presenter:** Lorie Brown, Southern Tier Library System  
Guerilla Storytime: the part-training, part-advocacy storyline event, in which training is directed by the attendees! Bring your storyline questions, problems, and examples of your favorite songs and finger plays to share with your colleagues! | Cinema 1 |

**After Party: 4:30pm – 6:00pm.**
Tompkins County Public Library
Ticketed Event. Ticket in folders.
Morning Keynote: Advocacy through Action with 2015 Library Journal Mover and Shaker, Sue Kowalski

Sue is a 2003 graduate of Syracuse University and has been a school librarian since then. Sue has been at Pine Grove Middle School in the East Syracuse Minoa School District since 2007. She was a classroom teacher for 10 years in the Syracuse Cty School District before starting her library career. Sue is active with NYLA and has accepted a variety of roles to:

#leadoutloud! Pine Grove received the National School Library Program of the Year in 2011. Sue was a recipient of the "I Love My Librarian" Award in 2012 and named a Visionary Leader in Learning Commons by Teacher Librarian Magazine in 2013.

Sue is passionate about the power of advocacy through strategic action and will discuss just that! If you are making amazing strides at your library and no one knows about it, are your efforts really having the impact they could? Do you feel limited by the time and dollars you have to run a quality outreach campaign? Together we will explore ideas and best practices to transform strategic leadership to meaningful advocacy for your programs. Curate ideas from the presenter, the audience, and a thoughtful look in your own backyard! Connect with her on Twitter: @spkowalski
Collaborative Visual Luncheon with Adam Rubin and Daniel Salmieri

Collaboration is extremely important in the 21st Century Library, and Adam and Dan will show you how effective and rewarding collaboration can be. In this talk, you will learn a bit about the guys, and the creative process that goes into making a collaborative picture book.

Adam Rubin is the New York Times best-selling author of a half dozen critically-acclaimed picture books. He grew up outside of New York City, went to school at Washington University in St. Louis and spent his "formative" years in Chicago. After ten years working in the creative departments of various advertising agencies, Adam quit his day job to focus on writing full-time. Other interests include camping, 3D puzzles, improv comedy, nature documentaries and cartoons. He currently lives in Manhattan.

Daniel Salmieri grew up in Brooklyn and went to the University of the Arts for Illustration in Philadelphia. Since then he's illustrated eight picture books, including a New York Times Best Seller, and Notable Book. He has also won several awards including the Borders Original Voices Award and the NAIBA Book of the Year Award. Daniel's work has been recognized by American Illustration and The Society of Illustrators. He currently lives in Brooklyn.


Books available for purchase at our Buffalo Street Books Table
President – Christina Ryar-Linder, Greenburgh Public Library
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2nd Year Director – Jennifer Burke, DeWitt Community Library
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Brett Bossard of Cinemapolis
Doug Levine of the State Theatre
Kimberly Farrington of the Hotel Ithaca

Anyone who has been a part of making this conference a success!

Please visit Buffalo Street Books in the State Theatre lobby to purchase books featured at our conference. A percentage of the sales will go to support YSS.
Don't forget to stop by the NYLA YSS Booth!
2017 Spring Conference Scholarships:

New Member
Lisa C. Wemett

The purpose of the Spring Conference Scholarship Awards are to encourage continuing education in the field of library youth services. The scholarships are designed to cover accommodations and transportation costs to attend the NYLA-YSS Annual Spring Conference with registration fees waived.

Please introduce yourself to our winners and help them enjoy this opportunity to network with so many different library staff members from across New York and surrounding states.

Kathleen Comber is the recipient of our New Member Spring Conference Scholarship! She is taking classes through the University at Buffalo and is working toward a degree in School Librarianship. She also works at the John Jermain Memorial Library on Long Island, where she helps out in the children’s and teens departments. Kathleen studied English and science as an undergraduate, and loves planning STEAM programs for the kids at her library.

As a school librarian, Kathleen hopes to help students navigate the ever expanding and evolving world of information that is available to them. She wants to empower young people to become independent consumers of information, and to teach them that the self-driven search for knowledge can be infinitely rewarding.

Heidi Jung is the recipient of the Lisa C. Wemett Spring Conference Scholarship! Heidi started her library career while attending high school, when she joined the staff of the Gates Public Library as a Page. Upon earning her Master’s in Library Science in 1992, Heidi became the Teen Services Librarian at GPL. She has lead the Junior Friends of the Gates Public Library for more than twenty years, and has provided innovative and diverse programming for teens and tweens, growing attendance over a five-year span by more than 1600%. Heidi has always found the YSS conference an inspirational source for innovative thinking on youth library services.

Heidi uses workshops, continuing education classes, and conferences to keep her teen and tween programming fresh and relevant. By being able to keep things interesting for the individuals who attend her programs, Heidi makes her library a relevant and fun place for teens and tweens to grow into successful adults.