



# The Literacy Promise

Opening Doors for the K-12 Learner

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9th Biennial Conference presented by the  
Brigham Young University–Public School  
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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Brandon Sanderson



Linda Sue Park



Brad Montague

## WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Lori Brandt  
Karen Brock  
Sonja Cherry-Paul  
Dawan Coombs  
Debbie Dean  
Kelly Gallagher  
Penny Kittle  
Heidi Mesmer  
Brad Montague  
Jeff Nokes

Linda Sue Park  
Paul Ricks  
Jennifer Saravallo  
John Schu  
Colby Sharp  
Amy Siracusano  
Sharon Vaughn  
Gene Luen Yang  
Terry Young

Relevant for all subject areas K-12

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# WORKSHOP PRESENTERS & SESSION TITLES

Presenter	Session Title	TARGET GRADES											
		K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Lori Brandt	Beyond Word Lists: Engaging Students in Word Connections and Concepts												
Karen Brock	Talk is the Bridge: Scaffolding Reading												
	Writing for MLs with Purposeful Dialogue												
Sonja Cherry-Paul	Reading Instruction Rooted in Cultural, Community, and Collective Practices												
	What Exactly Are Texts Teaching Me? A Critical Look at Race-Neutral Approaches												
Dawan Coombs	Best of State—What High Performing Literacy Teams Do												
Debbie Dean	TBD												
Kelly Gallagher	To Read Stuff You Have to Know Stuff												
	Moving Writers from Compliance to Engagement												
Penny Kittle	Micro Mentor Tests: Using Short Passages to Teach Writer's Craft												
	25 Books Students Love												
Heidi Mesmer	Teaching K-5 Students to Decode and Understand Multimorphemic & Multisyllabic Words												
	There's Research for That: Your K-5 Literacy Instruction Questions Answered by RESEARCH												
Brad Montague	It's Time to Reimagine How We Look at Failure!												
Jeff Nokes	Disciplinary Literacy 2.0: Adding "Dispositions" to Our Discussion of Expert Reading and Writing												
Linda Sue Park	Rock That Revision!												
Paul Ricks	Taking Picture Books Seriously												
Jennifer Saravollo	Teaching Reading Across the Day												
	Teaching Writing in Small Groups												
John Schu	Sharing Our Hearts through Story												
	Booktalks That Foster Connection and Understanding												
Colby Sharp	Awesometastic New Books!												
	What My Students Taught Me about Falling in Love with Reading												
Amy Siracusano	What Does the Sentence Have to do With Building Skilled Writers?												
	From Research to Practice: What Does It Really Take to Develop Skilled Writers?												
Sharon Vaughn	Misconceptions about the Science of Reading: Guidance for Implementing in Your Classroom												
	Integrating Reading and Anxiety Supports for Students with Reading Difficulties												
Gene Luen Yang	TBD												
	TBD												
Terry Young & Paul Ricks	Middle Grade Magic: A Preview of New Texts Everyone Should Be Talking About												



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