

## VAASL 2017 CONFERENCE EVENTS

### Exhibit Hall Grand Opening (Thursday)

A ribbon cutting kicks off the day with a festive spirit. During this event, door prizes will be awarded to lucky attendees and continental breakfast will be served in the Exhibit Hall.

### President's Reception (Thursday)



Join us in the Exhibit Hall for this complimentary reception to celebrate our exhibitors and participants. By signing up for this reception you will receive a ticket for one complimentary drink at the bar.

### Kwame Alexander Thursday Evening Event



What's better than delightful sweets on a lovely autumn evening? Kwame Alexander, delightful sweets, and a lovely autumn evening, of course! You will not want to miss Newbery Medal author (and northern Virginia local) Kwame Alexander for a high-energy conversation that will invigorate your practice with students.

### Ruta Sepetys - Friday Night Awards Banquet



VAASL is excited to welcome the bestselling author Ruta Sepetys as our guest speaker at the Friday night awards banquet. Ruta is a “seeker of lost stories” and writes young adult historical fiction about little known events in history. Her novels have received international acclaim and are known as “crossover” novels due to their popularity with adult and young adult readers. Join us as we celebrate the LOY from each of our regions and recognize our Virginia Librarian of the Year.

### Meg Medina and Author Panel Breakfast (Saturday)



Come join us for an author breakfast entitled “How a Book Connects: Views and Ideas from Five Favorite Multicultural Authors.” Virginia author Meg Medina will moderate a discussion between Lamar Giles, Madelyn Rosenberg, Ruta Sepetys, and Wendy Shang. You won't want to miss this one.