

VAASL 2018 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.

Folklore & Ghost Tour of Colonial Williamsburg (Thursday)



Colonial Williamsburg

Journey by candlelight through the streets of Colonial Williamsburg. Participants will hear some folklore, stories of the past, and maybe even see a ghost! The guided tour will last forty-five minutes to one hour and guides will escort the group back to the Williamsburg Lodge upon its conclusion.

Friday Night Awards Banquet with April Henry



VAASL is excited to welcome the bestselling author April Henry as our guest speaker at the Friday night awards banquet. April Henry is a best-selling award-winning author of over 21 thrillers including *Girl Stolen* and *Body in the Woods*. Join us as we celebrate the LOY from each of our regions and recognize our Virginia Librarian of the Year.

Saturday Breakfast and Author Panel with Victoria Jamieson, Kathryn Otoshi and Ronnie Sidney, moderated by Leslie Preddy



Victoria Jamieson



Kathryn Otoshi



Ronnie Sidney

Leslie Preddy will moderate the Author Panel with Victoria Jamieson, Kathryn Otoshi and Ronnie Sidney at our Saturday Authors' Breakfast. Victoria Jamieson is the author and illustrator of books for young readers *Roller Girl*, *Pest in Show* and *Olympig*. She will be joined by Kathryn Otoshi, a multi-award winning author/illustrator and national/international speaker, best known for her character-building book series: *Zero*, *One* and *Two* and *Beautiful Hands*. Ronnie Sidney is a Virginia native and the author of *Nelson Beats the Odds*, *Tameka's New Dress* and *Rest in Peace RaShawn*. Each of these authors has a unique perspective with a common theme of empowerment and resilience. Plan to attend and enjoy the fabulous food and conversations. A book signing will follow the breakfast.