



Optional Events

Thursday, November 8

Lunch Break with the Vendors - For your convenience, so that you do not need to leave the convention center, VAASL has arranged for participants to purchase boxed lunches that will be available in the Exhibit Hall on Thursday and Friday afternoon.

President's Reception and Thursday Night Live! - Plan to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and entertainment on Thursday evening — all included in your registration fee! Get ready for a lively event to open the conference! **Scooter Hayes**, aka **Melvil Dewey**, will perform on Thursday night. He received rave reviews for recent performances in some of the Henrico County schools and at the North Carolina School Library Media Association Conference. For more information, visit Scooter's Web site at <http://storyeller.com/> and check out his *Dewey Decimal Rap* on YouTube.

Check the VAASL Web site, the listserv, and the *VOICE* for more surprises during **Thursday Night Live!**, including the first annual **VAASL book cart drill team competition**.

Friday, November 9

First Timer's Breakfast - Plan to join VAASL Board Members for a complimentary breakfast on Friday morning at the Embassy Suites next to the Convention Center.

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Administrators' Conference: Powerful Partnerships - The program begins at 1:30 pm on Friday with a presentation, "Data Collection Tools for Use in the Teacher Observation Process." **Dr. John Caggiano**, Executive Director of Elementary School Leadership and Compensatory Programs from Hampton City Schools, will share a variety of data collection tools to capture classroom data (i.e., cognitive levels of wait time, student engagement, etc.). Administrators need to know what to expect in a 21st century library program and to understand the difference that a quality program can make in student learning. **Dr. Audrey Church**, associate professor and coordinator of the School Library Media Program at Longwood

University, will present "Definitely Not Your Mother's Library Anymore!" At 3:30 pm the "Powerful Partnerships" participants will attend the general session with **Michelle Luhtala**, 21st century school librarian winner of the 2010 AASL National School Library Program of the Year Award.

Reception and Author Banquet with Gordon Korman – Enjoy a special evening of networking, good food and Gordon Korman. For more information, see the Conference Brochure or visit his official Web site at <http://www.gordonkorman.com/> and follow his blog at http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/2130.Gordon_Korman/blog.

Saturday, November 10

Author Luncheon with Floyd Cooper – what better way to end the 2012 Conference than with Floyd Cooper. For more information on Floyd Cooper, see the Conference Brochure or visit <http://www.floydcooper.com/>.