



Virginia Association of School Librarians 2016 Conference

Description of Optional Ticketed Functions

Thursday, 4:30-6:30 p.m., President's Reception and Author Celebration (\$0.00)

Guest authors from across the state will be joining us for a signing event at our traditional President's Reception in the Vendor Hall. Authors will be seated throughout the Exhibit Hall.

Friday, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Awards Banquet with Linda Sue Park, Author Speaker (\$45.00)

During this ticket event, our Librarian of the Year and other award nominees will be announced and recognized. After these presentations, author and Newbery award winner, Linda Sue Park, will speak. She is a Newbery award winner for *A Single Shard*. Her additional award-winning titles include *Project Mulberry*, which was a Virginia Reader's Choice Nominee in 2008 and *A Walk to Water*, which has been on the New York Times best seller list and has now sold over one million copies. In her December 2015 TED Talk "Can a Children's Book Change the World?," Linda Sue Park states that "readers' empathy for Salva and Nya has turned them from normal ordinary students into heroes and two crucial pathways are being laid down – the first in their brain, reading for practice at life. The second is reading in their lives – empathy igniting engagement." Get ready for the Friday Evening Banquet with Linda Sue Park by seeing her TedTalk at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40xz0afCjnM> .

Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Awards Luncheon with Ekua Holmes, Author Speaker (\$30.00)

Noted illustrator Ekua Holmes will discuss her work as an artist at Saturday's Author Luncheon. She collaborated with author Carole Boston Weatherford on the award-winning picture book, *Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement*. This book is the recent recipient of the Steptoe Illustrator Award, a Caldecott Honor and a Sibert Honor. During this ticketed event, our Student Media Festival winners will be honored.