### AASL 2017

#### Schedule-at-a-Glance

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**Thank You!**

AASL thanks the members of the 2017 National Conference Committee. Without the hard work of such dedicated professionals, much of what we do would not be possible.

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GENERAL SESSIONS

Expect to be inspired and energized by the extraordinary speakers and sessions taking place at AASL 2017.

Opening General Session
Thursday, November 9, 3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Jaime Casap
Jaime Casap is the Chief Education Evangelist at Google, Inc. Jaime evangelizes the power and potential of technology and the Web as enabling and supporting tools in the pursuit of inquiry-driven project-based learning models. Jaime collaborates with school systems, educational organizations, and leaders focused on building innovation and iteration into our education policies and practices. He speaks on education, technology, innovation, and generation Z at events around the world.

Sponsored by Follett

Friday General Session
Friday, November 10, 8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries
Be at the forefront of the journey as AASL sets new standards for students and the profession. Members of the AASL standards editorial board and implementation task force will present AASL’s remodeled standards in context with the library landscape and national educational movements. The committees will review the main components of the document and implementation resources and highlight opportunities related to the AASL Standards launch while you are in Phoenix.

Sponsored by OverDrive

Author General Session
Saturday, November 11, 8:00 a.m.–8:45 a.m.

Jason Reynolds
Jason Reynolds is crazy. About stories. Whenever he’s not writing stories, he’s sitting at his window waiting for the ice cream truck to roll by. Not so that he can run out to get a popsicle or a cone of soft-serve, but so that he can dance to the music. And he has a lot of reasons to dance. He’s won a bunch of awards like the Coretta Scott King Honor, the Walter Dean Myers Award, the Kirkus Award, and he has been nominated for a National Book Award. See? Dance-worthy, right? But more importantly he dances because he knows you’re reading. So, if you ever see him, sing the ice-cream truck song and watch him bust out The Robot. Trust us, it’s just as good as his books. Join Jason in the Exhibit Hall after the General Session where he will be signing books until 9:30 a.m.

Appearance made possible by Simon & Schuster.
PRECONFERENCEs

BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE JOURNEY AS AASL SETS NEW STANDARDS
Start your learning early with one of these exciting workshops featuring AASL’s new National School Library Standards launching in Phoenix!

Explore AASL’s new National School Library Standards and implementation resources in an intimate and concentrated setting with the school librarians who researched and wrote the documents. Identify questions within your practice, tinker with approaches, discover resources you can leverage, and design plans specific to your practice to begin implementation immediately!

Registration is required for preconference workshops. All AASL preconference participants will receive a copy of the AASL Standards publication as part of the workshop or symposium registration fee. Advance registration is recommended; on-site registration will be allowed pending availability.

HALF-DAY WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, November 8, 1:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m. | Fee: $219 / $269 / $399

Investigate Your National School Library Standards for School Librarians
Presenters: Judy Deichman, Kathryn Roots Lewis, Kathy Mansfield, and Ellen McNair

Collaboratively design an implementation plan for school librarian practice around the new National School Library Standards. While focusing on the four domains of professional competency identified in the AASL Standards Framework, participants will develop a deep understanding of the shared foundations and their key commitments. Create strategies for using the standards in your everyday practice and leave the workshop with immediately usable action steps.

Thursday, November 9, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Fee: $219 / $269 / $399

Investigate Your National School Library Standards for Learners
Presenters: Elizabeth Burns, Kate Lechtenberg, Jeanie Phillips, and Kathleen Roberts

How do the new National School Library Standards transform student learning? While learner, school librarian, and school library standards are intentionally interdependent, we will concentrate on the learner standards by collaboratively engaging with the new structure, unpacking the shared foundations, and relating your learning to current practice and new opportunities. You will leave this session with a clear understanding of how to navigate the standards and how to begin connecting the elements of the AASL Standards Framework to powerful student learning.
HALF-DAY WORKSHOPS (CONT’D)

Thursday, November 9, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Fee: $219 / $269 / $399

Investigate Your National School Library Standards for School Libraries
Presenters: Susan Ballard, Sara Kelly Johns, Deborah Rinio, and Joyce Valenza

Join us as we engage in design thinking to create a vision and develop strategies for innovative school library implementation of the AASL Standards Framework. What do standards-based school libraries look like? How do they align with the whole-school curriculum and mission? How do we evaluate the impact of our efforts? How do we evolve our libraries? How do we encourage buy-in as we revolutionize the foundation for learners and school librarians? How do we share our progress? Leave this workshop with answers to your questions and strategies for standards implementation in your school library.

Thursday, November 9, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Fee: $175 / $225 / $290

ESLS Research Symposium
Presenters: ESLS Members

The Educators of School Librarians Section (ESLS) of AASL presents its fifth research symposium at an AASL National Conference. As educators, scholars, and researchers, ESLS members create new knowledge about the school library field, impart that knowledge to the profession’s newest members, and share that knowledge with practitioners in the field. This year’s symposium will focus on AASL’s new National School Library Standards. A program description, learning objectives, and outcomes will be posted as information is finalized this spring.

AASL STANDARDS PUBLICATION | $99
National School Library Standards: AASL Frameworks for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries

All AASL preconference participants will receive a copy of the AASL Standards publication as part of the workshop or symposium registration fee.

Attendees unable to attend a preconference can still pre-order the National School Library Standards at the AASL Member price when registering for conference. Pick up your pre-ordered book on-site in Phoenix and you’ll receive a complimentary USB drive full of digital resources to help you begin implementation immediately. Only one pre-ordered copy is available per attendee. Additional copies will be available for purchase on-site in the AASL Bookstore.
SPECIAL EVENTS

These special events are included in your registration. Attend any and all of these special events at no additional charge.

First-Timer’s Orientation
Thursday, November 9, 12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.
This event is especially designed for new AASL members and first-time attendees who want to learn how to get the most out of the AASL National Conference. This brown-bag event will have tables set for informal conversations between conference veterans and those new to AASL National Conference. AASL member-leaders and other experienced conference-goers share helpful tips and strategies for navigating the event, making it a memorable and worthwhile experience.

IdeaLab
Thursday, November 9, 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
Explore the IdeaLab, a best-practice showcase featuring collaborative projects leading the way in school library development. Attendees can browse learning stations with video displays on topics including blended learning, flipped classrooms, national standards, STEM/STEAM, technology integration, and many others!

AASL Exhibits Opening
Thursday, November 9, 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
Don’t miss this opportunity to talk to exhibitors one-on-one about the latest products and services for school libraries (immediately following the opening general session with Jaime Casap).

Conference Celebration
Corona Ranch
Friday, November 10, 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
Calling all conference attendees! The conference celebration has been moved to Friday evening and it’s going to be fantastic. Grab your lasso and head to Corona Ranch, an authentic Phoenix treasure! Evening highlights include a mariachi band, rodeo entertainment featuring hilarious stunts by some familiar faces, homemade Mexican cuisine, signature cocktails, and dancing. Bus service will be available between the convention center and the Corona Ranch.
NETWORKING EVENTS

Some networking events require a separate registration and fee.

Dinner with a Local Librarian
*Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.*

Begin the conference exploring Phoenix in a local school librarian’s favorite restaurant, and enjoy networking with fellow attendees and authors in a relaxed social setting. *(Sign-up on site. This event is Dutch treat.)*

From Stories to Action: Inspiring Heroes for Our Own World *(The Harry Potter Alliance)*
*Thursday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.*

Come to this interactive workshop to learn how to transfigure the pop culture passions of young people into real-world civic engagement. This special event is presented by The Harry Potter Alliance, a global non-profit that turns fans into heroes by drawing connections between popular media and real-world social issues.

ISS Networking Reception
*Thursday, November 9, 8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m. | Fee: $45*

Join fellow Independent School Librarians for an evening of networking during an informal reception. Light hors d’oeuvres and desserts will be served. *(Advance registration is required.)*

Unconference
*Thursday, November 9, 9:00 p.m.–12:00 a.m.*

Engage with the new standards and each other in this high-energy, participatory event. We’ll explore the shared foundations in AASL’s new *National School Library Standards* using a World Café conversation protocol, as we ask big questions, develop ideas for implementation, and share collective discoveries.

Scottsdale on Saturday Evening
*Saturday, November 11 | 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. | Fee: $10*

If you are staying over Saturday evening, consider joining fellow school librarians for another Dutch treat dinner with a local librarian (and possibly even an author!) in Scottsdale. Cost is for the round-trip shuttle ride from the convention center. Not interested in attending a dinner? Limited seats are available for people who would just like to visit Scottsdale for the evening. *(On-site registration will be accepted pending availability.)*
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

PROGRAMS AND STRANDS

The variety and quality of concurrent sessions is the #1 reason attendees indicate they come to AASL National Conference. Take charge of this pivotal moment in education and choose from more than 130 concurrent sessions!

The concurrent session topics and titles listed here are intended to provide attendees a snapshot of the types of programming offered at the AASL National Conference in Phoenix. For a current listing of sessions scheduled, visit national.aasl.org.

Sessions topics and titles as of 04/18/17.

LEADERSHIP

Gear Up: Future Ready Collaboration

How to Garner Support For Your School Library Program: Make the School Principal Your Ally

I See You: Cultivating Relationships to Grow Strong School Library Media Programs

Leaders On the Horizon! Contributing and Growing as School Library Professionals

Leadership: Many Roles for School Librarians

Professional Learning - Beyond Our Borders, On Your Time, For Less Than a Dime!

Social Media for the Library

Three for One: Improving Literacy Skills, Developing Spatial Skills, Impacting STEM Achievement

You’re Worth It, But How Do You Show It? Demonstrating Your Unique Value to Your School Administrators

LITERACY, LITERATURE, AND READING

Considering Evidence: Using Logical Fallacies and Close Reading to Build Critical Thinking

DiscoVR Beyond Expeditions

Fiction Feud: A Book Bowl for Novel Nerds

From De-Silencing to Empowering Discussions about Race and Culture with Diverse Books

A Librarian’s Home Run! Honoring the African American Contribution to America’s Favorite Pastime through Children’s Books

Literacies for Research: Teaching Students How to Research Successfully in a Digital Landscape

Nurture a Culture of Creativity: Bring Poetry to Life in your Library

Our Story: Reaching new horizons, going beyond culture

Put your library on wheels: How to create and fund a Do-It-Yourself Summer Bookmobile

Separating Fact from Fiction: Teaching Media Literacy in a World of Misinformation

Transforming Your Existing Lessons with a Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy Lens: A Hands-On Workshop

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Big Picture Planning in Your Pocket: Use Hyper Resources and Tips from District Librarians to Plan Your Entire School Year

Design Thinking in the School Library

Diversity in Collection Development—Surely we don’t need this training. Don’t call me Shirley!

Don’t be an Island: Create Your Library Group and Set Sail for Your New Community

Empowering Intellectual Freedom Leaders

Gimme a C (for Collaboration!): A Toolkit for School and Public Library Collaboration
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION (cont’d)
Moving Beyond the Selfie: 21st Century Photography Skills to Improve Your Instruction
Redefining literacy: Getting comfortable with being uncomfortable
Survey says: School librarians identifying stakeholders’ needs
Weeding for greater engagement - The one who retires with the most books does NOT win

TEACHING AND LEARNING (cont’d)
App-Smashing Green Screen BookTalks, Read-Alouds & Book Reviews
Broadening Your Library’s Horizons: Exploring the Physical and Virtual Spaces
Collaborate for Powerful Teaching and Learning in History and Language Arts
Combating plagiarism: building digital citizenship
Creating Something from Nothing
Digiwise: Citizenship for the 21st Century
Engaging Student Citizens In A Digital Age: Critical Civic Literacy and Ten Questions for Change Makers
Integrating Literacy Strategies using Primary Sources
Invisible No More: Meeting the Needs of Autism Spectrum Disorder Students in the School Library
Library-Based Theatre Arts: Using Pantomime, Improvisation, and Script Format to Differentiate and Transform School Library Instruction
Light It Up Blue: Adapted Library Techniques for Students on the Autism Spectrum and Non-Categorical Disabilities
Lunch in the Library - Creating a Maker Space
Makers with a Cause: Building a Better Future in Your School Library Makerspace
Makerspace Successes and Snags: 4 professors and 20 secondary librarians collaboratively strengthen learning thru an extended Makerspace PD project

TEACHING AND LEARNING
MakerSpace Your Literacy Program
Moving Along the Stream- Adding Research to STEAM in the Library
One Book, One School, EVERY Month
Perfect Pairings: Teaching Visual Literacy Using Primary Source Pairings with the Caldecott, Newberry, & Coretta
Place Based Learning: Where Engagement Meets Inquiry!
Promoting Civil Discourse and Competent Media Consumers in Grade 8 through the Lens of Race and Identity
Research Ready? Prove it! Using Digital Badges to Measure Information Fluency Competency
Perfect Pairings: Teaching Visual Literacy Using Primary Source Pairings with the Caldecott, Newberry, and Coretta Scott King Book Award Titles
Transform Teaching and Learning with Technology and Competency-Based Standards!
Using Student Generated Questions to Shift Inquiry Practices Beyond the Horizon
Valuing the Team in the Middle School Research Process
Vivid History: Making historical research meaningful and personal in the school library

SESSIONS ON THE NEW STANDARDS
AASL will offer unique concurrent sessions focused on the new National School Library Standards. These sessions will repeat during each concurrent session time block, allowing all attendees the ability to attend sessions on the new standards.

The AASL Standards and associated programming at the national conference is still under development. Titles and descriptions for these sessions will be shared at national.aasl.org as information is finalized.
TOURS

Join colleagues for a day of leisure and learning. Take your conference experience beyond the convention center and experience the surrounding communities of Phoenix.

SCHOOLS TOURS

Rural Wonders
Wednesday, November 8, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Fee: $40

Scenic beauty and rural high schools are highlighted on this tour. Casa Grande, or “big house,” is a rural town located approximately 50 miles from downtown Phoenix. The tour will start with a stop at Casa Grande Union High School. This school had plans to eliminate the school library program. Students successfully advocated for the program to be kept open. Hear more about this wonderful story of student advocacy. Attendees will then visit the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument for a picnic before heading to Vista Grande High School library, a joint-use library with a brand-new makerspace and a gaming space.

One District, Two Languages, Three Schools
Wednesday, November 8, 11:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Fee: $25

Kyrene School District has 25 elementary and middle schools located in Phoenix, Tempe, and Chandler, Arizona. This tour will focus on three schools – Kyrene de la Estrella, Kyrene de los Cerritos, and Kyrene Altadeña. These school library programs are doing new and interesting things with dual language. Kyrene de los Cerritos and Kyrene Altadeña share a library.

Joint Library and an Architectural Gem
Thursday, November 9, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Fee: $25

Betty Fairfax High School, located in Laveen, can only be described as an architectural gem. Truly a “WOW” space, this library is central to a school that has won an architectural award. Hamilton Public High School’s library is operated by the Chandler Public Library. Although programming serves the community of Chandler, this busy joint-use library space caters to Hamilton High School students with lots of programming, including a learning lab, gaming events, and an open mic night.

Independent School of Distinction
Thursday, November 9, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Fee: $25

Setting foot on the Phoenix Country Day School campus for the first time, one cannot help but notice the beauty of the well-manicured grounds against the breath-taking backdrop of the Praying Monk and Camelback Mountain. Founded in 1960 by Mae Sue Talley and other determined and forward-thinking citizens, PCDS has evolved into a distinct model of educational excellence, reflecting the unique culture of the region. PCDS students, under the guidance of an expert faculty and staff, compare to the best and brightest from any independent school in the country.
**CULTURAL TOURS**

**Art and Architecture in the American Southwest**
*Wednesday, November 8, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.*
Fee: $70

This full-day tour will immerse attendees in art and architecture of the American Southwest. The day starts with a 1.5-hour tour of Taliesin West, the beloved winter home and studio of innovative architect, writer, and educator Frank Lloyd Wright. Nestled in the desert foothills of the McDowell Mountains, this national historic landmark’s monumental masonry feels as much an ancient ruin unearthed from the Sonoran Desert as the twentieth-century icon of modern architecture it has become.

In the afternoon, travel to the home of Mary Wong, a former school librarian in the Phoenix area, and view more than 100 illustrations from Wong’s private collection. The original artworks represent more than 60 illustrators, including but not limited to Lynne Avril, Molly Idle, Wendy Watson, Juana Martinez-Neal, and Mike Venezia. A special guest illustrator (or two!) will also join the tour to share tales of inspiration with attendees. Books will be available for purchase during this part of the tour.

**At HOME: Native People in the Southwest**
*Wednesday, November 8, 12:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.*
Fee: $35

During this half-day tour, attendees will visit the Heard Museum, the world’s preeminent museum for the presentation, interpretation, and advancement of American Indian art. At the museum, guests will embark on a guided tour of the museum’s largest permanent exhibit, HOME: Native People in the Southwest. The exhibit includes more than 2,000 stories, structures, and treasures including jewelry, cultural items, pottery, baskets, textiles, beadwork, murals, and more reflecting the “home” for Southwestern Native peoples from ancestral times to today. After the guided tour, attendees will have a chance to browse other highlights of the museum and visit the museum’s library and shop before heading back to the convention center. *(Advance registration is required. Tickets will not be available on-site for the At HOME tour.)*

**The Gardens of the Desert**
*Thursday, November 9, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.*
Fee: $40

For more than 70 years, the 140-acre Desert Botanical Garden has provided research, exhibits, and more designed to help visitors understand, protect, and preserve the desert’s natural beauty. During this half-day excursion, guests will discover the unique characteristics of desert plants from around the world. The tour focuses on desert plant biology, exploring the great diversity of form, texture, and color found in this wondrous array of cacti and succulents. Attendees will also learn how desert plants are uniquely adapted to survive and thrive in a harsh desert environment and the amazing ways people use desert plants for food, tools, and shelter.

**Phoenix Trolley Tour**
*Thursday, November 9, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.*
Fee: $25

Sit back and enjoy this two-hour journey through Downtown Phoenix’s past and present culture and community. See entertainment and arts venues, professional sports stadiums, historic buildings and homes, fantastic public art, award-winning restaurants, the state capitol and monuments, and much more! Covering more than 20 miles, this fully narrated tour includes two full stops at local highlights.

_A separate registration fee is required for school and cultural tours, and advance registration is recommended. On-site registration will be accepted pending availability._
AUTHOR EVENTS

Take a break with renowned and award-winning authors from the children’s book world. These shining stars can’t wait to spend time with you, as school librarians are an author’s biggest promoter and best friend.

Authors in the Afternoon
Thursday, November 9, 12:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
Fee: $35

Spend the afternoon before the conference kicks off getting to know three best-selling and award-winning authors! Enjoy a box lunch while the authors present short talks about their work, followed by interviews using questions submitted in advance from the audience. Each attendee will receive a book from the authors and a signing will follow the event.

Christian Robinson’s award-winning books for young readers include Josephine, which was a Coretta Scott King Honor Book as well as a Sibert Honor Book and Harlem’s Little Blackbird, which was an NAACP Image Award nominee. His latest book Last Stop on Market Street earned four starred reviews and was on the New York Times bestseller list.

Appearance made possible by Macmillan.

Jordan Sonnenblick is the author of the acclaimed Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie, Notes from the Midnight Driver, Zen and the Art of Faking It, the sequel to Drums called After Ever After, Falling Over Sideways, and The Secret Sheriff of Sixth Grade.

Appearance made possible by Scholastic.

Sarah Dessen, author of Once and for All, taught creative writing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill before deciding to devote herself full time to writing. In January of 2017, Sarah was awarded the Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime achievement in writing for young adults.

Appearance made possible by Penguin Random House.
Author Meet & Greets

Saturday, November 11, 4:30 p.m.–5:15 p.m.
Fee: $20

The Author Meet & Greets are your chance to “speed date” authors of children and young adult books! This highly anticipated event offers attendees the choice of participating in a session with authors of elementary, middle, or high school books.

Author Concurrent Sessions

Each concurrent session hour, a panel of authors will weigh in on current topics in education. Hear their take on writing books that help you reach your students. Panel topics will include Middle School Readers, Young Adult Fiction, Beginning Readers, Graphic Novels, Picture Books, Diversity, and STEM.

PARTICIPATING AUTHORS as of 4/3/17

John David Anderson
Alexandra Bracken
Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Dori Hillestad Butler
Drew Daywalt
Sarah Dessen
Jack Gantos
Stuart Gibbs
Richard Haynes
Jennifer L. Holm
Molly Idle
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Bill Konigsberg
Fran Manushkin
Megan McDonald
Mindy McGinnis
Debbie Ridpath Ohi
Daniel José Older
April Pulley Sayre
Adam Rex

Jason Reynolds
Christian Robinson
Katherine Roy
Dan Santat
Judy Schachner
David Shannon
Icy Smith
Jordan Sonnenblick
Carole Boston Weatherford

Many more authors will participate in the AASL National Conference through author signings in exhibitor booths, author events, and AASL's Authorpalooza.

Watch national.aasl.org as more authors are confirmed.
EXHIBIT HALL

Find new products, ideas, and solutions for your library in the AASL Exhibit Hall. Browse hundreds of vendor booths and see the latest in publications, media, technology, equipment, services, and supplies.

EXHIBIT HOURS

Thursday, November 9
AASL Exhibits Opening
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 10
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Exclusive Exhibit Time
12:20 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 11
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Exclusive Exhibit Time
11:40 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT BADGES

An Exhibits-Only Badge entitles you to visit the exhibits any time the Exhibit Hall is open and is available for on-site purchase only during the conference for $25.

AASL EXHIBITOR COUPON BOOK

Locate your favorite vendors’ book signings, demonstration schedules, show specials, prize drawings, booth giveaways, and more! The AASL Exhibitor Coupon Book is distributed to all attendees with their registration materials and arranged in booth-number order.
The AASL 2017 exhibit floor is going to be a hub of activity! Games, authors, and the popular Makerspace will frame the back of the exhibit hall, giving attendees more to do and see on the show floor than ever before.

SPONSORS as of 4/3/17

AASL would like to acknowledge and thank the following organizations for their support and generous contribution toward the success of the association.

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The AASL sponsorship and recognition program is designed to highlight those vendor partners who support the work of the organization and the school librarians we serve.

AASL BEST APPS & WEBSITES

Visit AASL’s Best Apps & Websites in the table-top pavilion for a guided tour directly from the creators of these popular apps and websites for teaching and learning!

MAKERSPACE

Considered a “recreational center for the mind” the AASL Makerspace in the Exhibit Hall will provide an opportunity for participatory learning along with a fun takeaway for all attendees. Attendees will have the opportunity to see how they can set up a makerspace in their school library that supports the school curriculum.

AUTHORPALOOZA

Meet your favorite authors from AASL concurrent sessions and events, exhibitors, and local authors from Arizona. Authors will be scheduled in the Exhibit Hall to speak on the Authorpalooza stage, sign your books, and answer your questions.

VENDOR PROGRAMS

Friday, November 10, 7:00 a.m.–7:50 a.m.

AASL Vendor Programs provide additional learning opportunities for attendees. Attend sessions offered by AASL sponsors and learn more about their products’ value, benefits, and uses.
DOWNTOWN PHOENIX

EXPLORE PHOENIX

The Phoenix Convention Center is located just four miles from Sky Harbor International Airport and has its own dedicated stop on the Metro Light Rail line. In the heart of downtown Phoenix, you can walk a few blocks in any direction to find major hotels, over 150 restaurants, and an eclectic blend of public art, entertainment, shopping, and cultural attractions. With more than 325 days of sunshine a year, and an average temperature of 72 degrees, the weather is almost always permitting!

Downtown encompasses roughly 100 square blocks of food, music, art, and shopping. Here’s just a taste of what you can expect.

CityScape is a hub of shopping, dining, entertainment, events, and nightlife. Gypsy Bar, Blue Hound Kitchen and Cocktails, and Stand Up Live are just a few of the spots to explore.

Arizona Science Center features more than 300 hands-on exhibits in seven themed galleries. Ride a Skycycle on a tight rope or take a trip to outer space in the IMAX planetarium—there’s lots to see for kids and adults alike.

Downtown Phoenix Public Market packs the lot each Saturday morning for the weekly open-air farmers’ markets. Dozens of local and regional vendors gather each week to offer their produce, honey, baked goods, and lots more.

Roosevelt Row offers a colorful stroll of the creative works of local street artists. With an eclectic mix of art galleries, boutique shops, coffee houses, restaurants, and more, this downtown neighborhood was recently named by USA Today as one of the country’s 10 Best City Art Districts.

FilmBar is a 21-and-over only theater with more than 20 craft beers on tap and a dozen types of wine to sip while checking out an eclectic mix of new, classic, indie, and cult flicks.

Short Leash Hotdogs, one of the most popular food trucks in the city, has put down brick-and-mortar roots along Roosevelt Row. These fantastic wiener creations include breakfast items and an expanded menu of sides.

Rent a Grid Bike and pedal off on a two-wheel tour of Central Phoenix’s arts and culture scene.

For more information and resources to help you make the most of your visit, from tips about transportation to suggestions for things to do, visit www.visitphoenix.com/american-association-of-school-librarians.

Got questions while you’re downtown? Keep an eye out for the orange-clad Downtown Ambassadors, or stop into the Visitor Information Center, located at the Phoenix Convention Center’s West Building, right across the street from the Hyatt Regency.

Phoenix ranked #15 among the top 20 meeting destinations nationally!
HOUSING

Through our official housing partner, onPeak, AASL provides reduced hotel rates and travel discounts for your trip to Phoenix, AZ. New reservations and changes (based on availability) as well as cancellations will be accepted by onPeak until October 17, 2017. For detailed information on policies regarding hotel reservation procedures, guarantees, room sharing, cancellations, and changes, visit the conference website at national.aasl.org.

EXPLORING PHOENIX

Rates listed do not include taxes or service charges. AASL rates are available from Monday, November 6, through Sunday, November 12, 2017, subject to availability in the group block.

1. Renaissance Phoenix Downtown (Headquarters Hotel) $209 Single/Double
2. Courtyard by Marriott Phoenix Downtown $169
3. Hilton Garden Inn Phoenix Downtown $199 Single/Double
5. Residence Inn by Marriott Phoenix Downtown $169

BOOK A ROOM

Visit national.aasl.org to book through onPeak’s simple-to-use hotel reservation website. E-mail onPeak at aasl@onpeak.co or call 800-395-0783 to speak with one of their booking agents.
REGISTRATION & TRAVEL

FREE ADMINISTRATOR REGISTRATION

AASL is offering a complimentary add-on registration for your administrator.

School administrators are invited to go Beyond the Horizon alongside their school librarian for free!

Don’t miss this chance to show your administrator what an effective school library program provides to the learning community. The AASL National Conference is your opportunity to foster a valuable partnership with your school administrator and explore emerging trends side-by-side to meet standards, raise achievement, and prepare students for college, careers, and citizenship.

Each school librarian registration to the AASL National Conference & Exhibition—November 9–11, in Phoenix, AZ—is eligible to add on a complimentary administrator registration.

School librarians have a school-wide perspective on student-centered school improvement. Turn your administrator into an advocate who sells the school librarian’s critical role to other administrators. Show your administrator how powerful an asset your library program is to developing and supporting a thriving school system.

REGISTRATION

Register early to save and expand your horizons in Phoenix! Early-bird individual AASL members receive $100 off the regular rates.

Register online at national.aasl.org

Early Bird: by August 17
Advance: by October 12
Late/On-Site: after October 12

Registration Rates

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CANCELLATION POLICY: Written cancellation of conference, preconference, tour, and meal event registrations must be received by October 12, 2017. Refunds for cancellations made before October 12, 2017 will be granted and will be charged a handling fee of $50. No refund is available for cancellations made on or after October 12, 2017. For complete details on AASL’s cancellation policy, visit the conference website at national.aasl.org.
TRAVEL

Save on airfare when you book travel on United to attend the AASL National Conference & Exhibition! Special promotional discounts apply on United Airline’s flights operated by United or other airlines branded United Express. International travelers save too when booking on United or code-share flights operated by Lufthansa and All Nippon Airways. Rules and restrictions apply. For more information, visit the conference website at national.aasl.org. $25 service fee applies.

QUESTIONS?

Visit the national conference website at national.aasl.org for answers to frequently asked questions about registration and housing. Additional questions about registration can be directed to AASL. All other questions about housing and travel should be addressed by our conference vendors.

Registration:
AASL | aaslnational@ala.org | 800-545-2433 x 4382

Travel:
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The opportunities to stretch yourself are boundless at the only national conference dedicated solely to the needs of school librarians.

Register now to map your journey Beyond the Horizon!