

TODAY'S SPEAKERS

SUZANNE WALKER

received her Master of Library Science from Indiana University. She is currently the Indiana Young Readers Center Librarian and Director of the Indiana Center for the Book, an affiliate of the Library of Congress. She coordinates Indiana's Letters About Literature competition annually and has been the Chair of the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award since its inception.

JESSICA NEEB-SMITH

is the Herbert Simon Early Literacy Specialist at The Indianapolis Public Library, where she oversees programs and initiatives to increase early literacy skills for children ages 0-5, their parents and caregivers, and early childhood educators. Jessica has worked in libraries for 10 years and is proud to have been a children's librarian with IndyPL for the last 7 years.

LINDSEY WALTERS

received her MLIS from IUPUI in 2018 and oversees programming for fourteen elementary schools as the District Elementary Media Specialist of Elkhart Community Schools. She also serves on the Indiana Library Federation's Intellectual Freedom Committee, the YHBA Middle Grade Committee, and the Indiana Read Aloud Committee.

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INDIANA LIBRARIES AND LITERACY SYMPOSIUM



MAY 9, 2023
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420 UNIVERSITY BLVD, INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA

SCHEDULE

TODAY'S SPEAKERS

IUPUI CAMPUS CENTER ROOM 450

WELCOME

"INDIANA'S SCIENCE OF READING PROGRAM"

Dr. Katie Jenner

"SCHOOL LIBRARIES LINK TO STUDENTS TO LITERACIES: WHAT WE KNOW"

Dr. Mary K. Biagini

BREAK

LUNCH

REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT WHITTEN

FAMILY LITERACY PANEL

Moderator: Diane Rogers

Panelists: Ashley Mack-Jackson, Suzanne Walker, Jessica Neeb-Smith, & Lindsey Walters

CLOSING REMARKS

BEFORE YOU LEAVE CAMPUS

Be sure to visit the Indy Public Library and Black WorldSchoolers bookmobiles, located near the intersection of University Blvd. & Vermont St.

DR. KATIE JENNER

as the state's first Secretary of Education, Dr. Katie Jenner leads the Indiana Department of Education with a learner-centered, future-focused vision. By supporting students in finding their purpose, knowing their value, and understanding the possibilities for their life's path, Dr. Jenner believes Indiana's K-12 system can ensure all students emerge prepared for a dynamic future, whether they choose employment, enrollment, or enlist leading to service.

DR. MARY BIAGINI

is a tenured Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Information Culture and Data at the University of Pittsburgh School of Computing and Information, where she directs its School Library Certification Program (SLCP). She began her career as a school librarian and English teacher and now teaches in the SLCP and advises doctoral students.

DIANE ROGERS

is the school media specialist at Ben Davis Ninth Grade Center. Prior to Wayne Township, Diane worked for Indianapolis Public Schools as both a librarian and an English teacher. As an educator, she has developed a passion for young adult literature, bringing technology and literacy to every classroom, and working with students from diverse backgrounds.

ASHLEY MACK-JACKSON

is a writer, teacher, and proud Hoosier. Her work has appeared in publications such as Callaloo, Obsidian, and The Indianapolis Anthology. She is the cofounder and co-CEO of Word as Bond, a nonprofit that provides free literacy art programs for Indianapolis-area young people, an editorial assistant at The Indianapolis Review, the chair of the IUPUI University Library Community Board, and a lecturer in the College of Education at Butler University.