ADVENTURE ACROSS THE AGES:
EXPLORING LITERATURE FROM PRE-K TO YA

November 8, 2014
Thomas More College
Crestview Hills, KY
OKI 2014 Conference Schedule

8:00 – 8:30  Registration, Breakfast & Book Sales  
Holbrook Student Center, Steigerwald Hall

8:30 – 8:45  Welcome  
Holbrook Student Center, Steigerwald Hall

8:45 – 9:45  Sneed B. Collard III Keynote Address  
Holbrook Student Center, Steigerwald Hall

10:00 – 10:50  Session 1  
Library & Steigerwald Hall

11:00 – 11:50  Session 2  
Library & Steigerwald Hall

12:00 – 12:45  Lunch  
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Book Signings & Book Sales  
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12:45 – 1:15  Special Presentation: J&P Voelkel  
Holbrook Student Center, Steigerwald Hall

1:20 – 2:20  S.A. Bodeen Keynote Address  
Holbrook Student Center, Steigerwald Hall

2:30 – 3:20  Session 3  
Library & Steigerwald Hall

3:30 – 4:00  Book Signings & Book Sales  
Holbrook Student Center, Steigerwald Hall

Sneed B. Collard III is the author of the award-winning books Dog Sense, Pocket Babies & Other Amazing Marsupials; and The Prairie Builders: Reconstructing America’s Lost Grasslands—winner of 2006 AAAS/Subaru/Science Books & Films Prize for Excellence in Science Books. He has written over 65 books and his newest, Dog 4491, was a finalist for the 2014 Green Earth Book Award.

Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen (S.A. Bodeen) was raised on a Wisconsin dairy farm and currently lives in Hudson, WI. Her first YA novel, The Compound, was a 2009 YALSA Quick Pick. New work includes the middle grade series, Shipwreck Island, and her next YA novel, The Detour. She has a B.S. in Secondary Ed. from UW-River Falls and an MFA in writing from Spalding University.
Session Descriptions

Adventures in Publishing
Presented by Lorijie Metz, Author
Until recently, the road to publication was a one-way street lined with agents and large publishing houses. But with the advent of digital publishing, new avenues are open. In addition, independent publishers are flourishing even as large publishing houses merge just to keep their doors open. Join Metz as she discusses publishing today and her own journey from traditionally published author, work-for-hire educational writer, to her fulltime, self-publishing experience.

Beyond Library Walls: Adventures in School Outreach
Presented by Elaine Demoret, Youth Services Associate, and Pamela Jayne, Teen Librarian, Boone County Public Library
Venture out of the library and into the schools to bring library services to a whole new audience! Discover the ways Boone County Public Library has delivered innovative programs to Boone County Schools, from curriculum-based activities to coding clubs. Learn about various programs and strategies they have used to build relationships with schools and teachers. Gain new ideas in building school-library partnerships.

Always in Style: Bridging the Classics with YA Literature
Presented by Molly Rauch, Librarian, Mount Notre Dame High School
What do Speak and The Scarlet Letter have in common? Examine recent YA books and the themes that connect them to works of classic literature. Whether serving teens in a public library, or working within a classroom curriculum, these suggestions will help build a bridge between the Classics and Young Adult literature for teenagers and students.

Battle of the Middle Grade Books
Presented by Lori Bonapfel & Debbie Anderson, Children’s Librarians, Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County
Recently, a fantasy became a reality in a form never before seen: Library Stadium, a giant reading arena. A librarian started choosing the top children’s books published in 2014 and placed them in Library Stadium, where they put their reputations on the line and pit their literary merit against each other. Which book will reign supreme? The heat will be on in the first ever Battle of the Middle Grade Books!

Before Setting Pen to Paper
Presented by Connie Nordhielm Wooldridge, Author
Join author Connie Nordhielm Wooldridge as she talks about all the things that happen - finding an idea, following that idea to a dead-end or to something that might work, growing an idea from the inside out, research, organization of research, blocking out the work - before a writer ever starts to write.

Best Practices Using Literature in the Classroom
Presented by Barbara Zahler, Ed.D., Associate Professor, & Christine Petroze, Ed.D., Professor, Thomas More College
Ever wonder how to apply the Common Core and still keep excellent literature in your classroom? This session will offer teachers and librarians multiple examples and ideas of how to incorporate literature in both elementary and upper level classrooms using the Common Core and employing Best Practices.

In Our ROYAL Opinion: The Year’s Best YA Books!
Presented by Valerie Davis, Teen Librarian, Campbell County Public Library
Teens’ favorite books change as often as their fashions. Discover the hot new series, themes, and authors in young adult literature in this review of recently published books for late middle and high school readers.

Literature that Stretches Young Children’s Thinking about Diversity
Presented by Kathryn Whitmore, Director, Early Childhood Research Center, Lori A. Norton-Meier, Professor, Literacy and Early Childhood, & Shashy McCormack, Doctoral Student, University of Louisville
Review and respond to a collection of picture books that engage young children’s thinking about issues of diversity. The presenters will provide book talks about classic and new books and authors that represent diversity according to race, gender, class, and other markers of identity. Experience strategies to use with children to extend their conversations and deepen their responses. Presenters will offer ways to evaluate quality literature.
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MakerSpace Panel
Presented by Eden Rassette, Teen Librarian/Kenton County Public Library; Ella Mulford-Chinn, Branch Manager/Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County; Jake Moore, Youth Services Librarian/Boone County Public Library; Amy Buskey, Branch Manager/Clermont County Public Library; & Valerie Davis, Teen Librarian/Campbell County Public Library
From low-tech to high-tech, join local public librarians as they discuss the many ways that they are incorporating MakerSpace activities into their programs for teens and families.

Mobile Technologies in Early Childhood and Middle School
Presented by Laura Dell, Director for Online Learning, University of Cincinnati, School of Education
Thinking about buying a tablet, but not sure what to do with it? Learn about best practices in using mobile devices in PreK through grade 6. See the best apps for education and learn how to find and evaluate mobile apps.

My Exciting Adventures through Reading, Writing, and History
Presented by Brandon Marie Miller, Author
Miller explores her journey as an award-winning history writer for young people, offering tips and inspirations along the way on selecting a topic, using the 5 W's, writer's hooks, conquering the blank page, and revisions. Learn strengths of using nonfiction writing in developing skills such as recognizing common characteristics, sequencing, and developing ideas from a base of research. Her YA book, Women of the Frontier, was named a 2014 YALSA Nonfiction Award Nominee & a National Council for the Social Studies 2014 Notable book.

Public Media Resources for Preschoolers
Presented by Jason Dennisson, CET/PBS
PBS provides an amazing amount of developmentally appropriate, high quality, and entertaining learning opportunities for preschoolers both on air and online. Learn more about the wide variety of free resources for preschoolers that you can incorporate into your home, your classroom, or your library.

A STEAM Powered Future (Science-Technology-Engineering-Art-Math)
Presented by Krista King-Oaks, Children's Librarian and Programmer, Kenton County Public Library
Explore several STEAM-based program ideas that incorporate hands-on activities for all ages, including popular family programming models from resources like the National Center for Family Learning. Learn about the Next Generation Science Standards, how they complement the Common Core, and the economic statistics driving global education policy. You will leave ready to turn science fear into science fun!

Trips & Treks: Life Sustaining Expeditions Portrayed in Children's Nonfiction
Presented by Renee C Lyons, Assistant Professor, College of Education, East Tennessee State University
Discover the stories of major natural science expeditions, as depicted in award-winning children's non-fiction. Examples include Robert Siebert award winner, Parrots over Puerto Rico and Orbis Pictus winner, Quest for the Tree Kangaroo. While sharing Common Core correlations and reading promotion activities, participants explore how literature encourages children to care for and consider the natural world of which they are a part.

What's New for You? Notable Picture and Middle Grade Books
Presented by Marilyn Smith, Blue Marble Books
Catch up on the best reads and wonderful artwork from picture books and middle grade books published in 2013-2014 in this review of recently published books for children, preschool through Grade 5.

Young Scientists at Play: Connecting Books with the Boom!
Presented by Kim Thompson, M.Ed, MLS, Children's Librarian, Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County
This workshop focuses on easy experiments and the books to share with the experiments. Participants will receive a packet of ready to go science programming with book lists. Kim shows us that science is fun and that science may be explored in almost any environment.
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- Meet the Author: Sneed B. Collard III—Holbrook Student Center, Steigerwald Hall
- What’s New for You? Notable Picture & Middle Grade Books: Marilyn Smith—Library, Rm L136
- MakerSpace Panel: Amy Buskey, Valerie Davis, Jake Moore, Ella Mulford-Chinn & Eden Rassette—Library, Rm L137
- Young Scientists @ Play: Connecting the Books with the Boom: Kim Thompson—Library, Rm L315
- Before Setting Pen to Paper: Connie Nordhielm Wooldridge—Library, Rm L316
- Always in Style: Bridging the Classics with YA Literature: Molly Rauch—Library, Rm L317
- Literature that Stretches Young People’s Thinking about Diversity: Kathryn Whitmore, Lori A. Norton-Meier & Shashray McCormack—Science Lecture Hall

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- My Exciting Travels through Reading, Writing & History: Brandon Marie Miller—Library, Rm L316
- Public Media Resources for Preschoolers: Jason Dennison—Library, Rm L317
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- Adventures in Publishing: Lorrio Metz—Library, Room L316
- Mobile Technologies in Early Childhood & Middle School: Laura Dell—Library, Rm L317
- Trips & Treks: Life-Sustaining Expeditions Portrayed in Children’s Non-Fiction: Renee C. Lyons—Science Lecture Hall

What began as a bedtime story set in the jungles of Central America has evolved into a bestselling adventure series, The Jaguar Stones. Working with archaeologists, teachers, and modern Maya people, J&P Voelkel are doing for the ancient Maya what Rick Riordan does for the Greeks. J&P will talk about the role of adventure in middle-grade literature & share tales from their travels.
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