

Calling all teachers, school librarians and public librarians!

Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book Award Conference

FRIDAY, May 4, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT

Morning Speaker

Sharon Draper

Award-winning educator and author SHARON DRAPER is our 2018 keynote speaker. Ms. Draper has written over twenty-five books for children, teens, and teachers, including 2011-2012 Dorothy's List nominee *Out of My Mind* and 2016-2017 Dorothy's List nominee *Stella by Starlight*. Visit her website at www.sharondraper.com to read more about her many accomplishments and contributions to language arts education and youth literature.

Afternoon Speaker

Will Alexander

Author and Vermont College of Fine Arts faculty member WILL ALEXANDER will join us for an endnote address. Mr. Alexander has written five books for children including 2012 National Book Award winner *Goblin Secrets*. Visit his website at www.willalex.net to read more about his work and accomplishments!

Cost is \$100 per person and can be paid by check or via PayPal.

Scholarships available

Register at <https://goo.gl/forms/p2cHIS8dt4ABH5CN2>

Co-sponsors for this conference include the Friends of Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Vermont Department of Libraries, Vermont School Library Association, Vermont-NEA, and Vermont Library Association.

2018-2019 Dorothy Canfield Fisher nominees and books by Sharon Draper and Will Alexander will be for sale by our friends at the Norwich Bookstore (Norwich, VT.)

****Continuing education credits will be given for this event****

Morning Workshops*

Workshop Leader/s

- 1. Conversation with Sharon Draper** *Sharon Draper*
Come meet our morning speaker and chat with her informally.
- 2. Introducing the New Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book Award List** *The Reading Committee*
Come hear about the books on the 2018-2019 list from committee members. Find out what the book review handout **doesn't** cover!
- 3. Who Makes the News: Helping Your Students Navigate News Media in a Time of Fake News** *Daisy Benson*
According to a 2017 survey by the Pew Research Center on Journalism and the Media, Americans' attitudes towards the media and journalism indicate high levels of distrust in news media. This session will begin with a short introduction to some of the factors that have contributed to the growth of distrust in the media, the emergence of fake and "fake" news, and the ways in which technology and social media shape our interactions with news media. Learn about resources and methods for helping your students understand where their news comes from; how to access it for accuracy; and find news that represents a broad range of perspectives. Facilitated by Daisy Benson, librarian at the University of Vermont's Bailey-Howe Library.
- 4. Engaging Middle School Students with Breakout EDU** *Bree Drapa and Beth Shelley*
Breakout EDU is an immersive learning games platform. With Breakout EDU kits, you can turn your classroom into an academically-focused escape room and facilitate games where players use teamwork and critical thinking to solve a series of challenging puzzles in order to open the locked box. We have successfully used Breakout EDU with our middle school book group and we want to share our successes with you! We will "play" our self-created Breakout EDU game of this year's Dorothy's List book *Lost in the Pacific* (Olson) and have a prepared game for you to take home of next year's *Ban this Book* (Gratz). We'll go over the costs and materials associated with this product and also talk about ways you can use it outside the library in other classes. We will speak to our process of designing games and also of the free and paid content available. Facilitated by Bree Drapa of Westford Public Library and Beth Shelley of Westford Elementary School.

Afternoon Workshops*

Workshop Leader/s

- 1. Conversation with Will Alexander** *Will Alexander*
Here is your chance to talk to our afternoon speaker in a small group setting.
- 2. The "B" List** *The Reading Committee*
Come hear which books *almost* made the 2018-2019 list!
- 3. Rapid To-Dos** *Annie Brabazon and Charlie Farrell*
Get those books off the shelves and into the hands of kids in meaningful, interactive ways. Join Annie and Charlie for activities and extension ideas for at least 1/3 of all the new Dorothy Canfield Fisher titles. Pre and post activities, writing prompts, art, music, technology projects and more, as well as ways for school librarians to collaborate with teachers and public libraries! Annie Brabazon is the librarian and Charlie Farrell is the middle school social studies teacher at Grand Isle School.
- 4. Dorothy's List Brainstorming Session** *Cheryl Sloan and Hannah Fjeld*
What are your secrets to getting kids excited about the book list? One of the most requested workshops has been an opportunity for teachers and librarians to simply share ideas in an unstructured, open-ended brainstorming session. Here's your chance to bring examples, throw out ideas, or pass around pictures on what you have tried in your library or classroom. If needed a laptop will be provided. Co-facilitated by Cheryl Sloan, Youth Services Librarian at the Charlotte Library and Hannah Fjeld, librarian at Neshobe School.
- 5. Dorothy's List Behind the Scenes** *Amy Kolb Noyes*
Have you ever wondered how the radio program/podcast Dorothy's List comes together? How do they choose which books to feature? Who are the most engaging authors? How do I get my students on the air? These questions and more will be answered by Dorothy's List creator and curator Amy Kolb Noyes. Dorothy's List is preparing for its sixth season on Vermont Public Radio. This your chance to ask questions, give feedback and get your school or library involved.

**Workshop times are subject to change.*