SESSIONS

All meetings can be accessed by clicking the Zoom conference link sent to your email when you registered. If you need to register for sessions, go to the Youth Services Section NCLA webpage: http://ncleonline.org/yss

YOGA WITH ADRIENE

During the break between sessions, check out the YSS webpage where you can explore some self-led Yoga with Adriene to refresh before you jump into the next segment!

OCT. 15, 2020

12:30 PM - BETTER TOGETHER
ERNIE FOLEY & MELISSA GREEN
WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Sharing the responsibility of children’s programming in a public library can be a rewarding way to connect with coworkers, enhance programming, engage with patrons, and prevent employee burnout. Learn tips for collaborating, job-sharing, and working together to create a dynamic team.

OCT. 22, 2020

12:30 PM - PANDEMIC PROGRAMMING
AMIELA HILL
POLK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

In the early months of 2020, libraries across the country were faced with the outbreak of the Coronavirus. Almost overnight, Virtual Programming became a reality for The Polk County Public Libraries. Learn through their experiences, receive helpful tips for “best practices” on video production, and get ideas for mainstreaming virtual programs at your library regularly.

2 PM - HOW TO TALK TO CHILDREN ABOUT RACISM
TRACY BURNS
STATE LIBRARY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Join us for this exciting session that is a hot topic across our nation! Learn some key ideas to practice when discussing race with children!

OCT. 29, 2020

12:30 PM - BRIDGING THE GAP WITH THE BOXMOBILE
STEPHANIE KNOP
ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

With funds from an LSTA grant the Children’s Outreach Specialist created a tool to take books out into community spaces. Called the “Boxmobile,” this bookmobile alternative is used to place books in the hands of children who are most at risk in Northern Orange County.

2 PM - MY NC FROM A TO Z
MICHELLE LANIER
STATE LIBRARY OF NORTH CAROLINA


NOV. 5, 2020

12:30 PM - VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

JOIN US FOR THE DRAWING OF OUR GRAND PRIZE GIFT CARDS! WINNERS AND JUMP INTO YOUR BREAKOUT ROOM TO DISCUSS AND HEAR GREAT IDEAS FROM LIBRARY STAFF AROUND THE STATE!

CHECK THE REVERSE SIDE FOR BREAKOUT TOPICS!

GIVEAWAYS

Attend retreat webinars for your chance to win Amazon gift card! Winners will be randomly selected and announced at the end of each webinar. Grand prize gift card will be drawn at the Virtual Happy Hour.
**SPEAKER BIOS**

**MICHELE LARIAN**
STATE LIBRARY OF NORTH CAROLINA
Michelle Larian is a museum professional, folklorist, oral historian, filmmaker, and educator with over two decades of commitment to her callings. In 2018, Michelle became the first African American director of all of North Carolina’s state-owned historic sites, 25 museums, battlefields, and historical places that span time and space. Her experience at Duke University led to the role of Documentary Doula (aiding the birth of films). Michelle has published on oral history, the Civil War, African American music, and “Womanist Cartography.” Her ethnographic work on funerary traditions of St. Helena Island, South Carolina led to her role as North Carolina’s inaugural liaison and now Commissioner to the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor.

**TRACIE BURNS**
STATE LIBRARY OF NORTH CAROLINA
Tracey Burns currently serves as the Assistant Secretary for Diversity and Cultural Inclusion. She is a native of Queens, New York, with family roots in Washington County, North Carolina. Tracey received Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Public Administration and History, and a Master of Arts Degree in American History from NCCU. Her Master’s Thesis chronicled the life of one of Washington County’s prominent leaders, E.V. Wilkins, and is entitled: Elmer Vannoy Wilkins: “The Godfather of Black Politics in North Carolina.” She co-authored one book, entitled Seatales and The Palm Memorial Institute (2004).

**STEPHANIE KNOB**
ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Stephanie graduated with a B.S. in Elementary Education from UNC Greensboro. After teaching for five years she went back to school and received her MLS from Appalachian University. She has worked in Youth Services at the Orange County Public Library in Hillsborough since 2014 and has spent four of those years in an Outreach position. She is also a wife and a mother to an eight-year-old boy and seven-year-old girl.

**AMELIA HILL**
POLK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Amelia is the Program Coordinator for the Polk County Public Libraries in Western North Carolina. This is her sixth year of library programming for children, teens, and adults. She most recently collaborated on the 2021 CLSP Teen Manual and is also on the NCLA Marketing Committee. Her favorite aspects of her role include seeing the impact that library programs have on her community and the library community’s eagerness to share their ideas and grow with others in the profession.

**MELISSA GREEN**
WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Melissa Green has worked as a youth services librarian with Wake County Public Libraries for the past 16 years. Her current position (and favorite age group) is serving the baby and toddler population and their families. When she’s not working you might find her reading (surprise!), baking, practicing yoga, or volunteering.

**ERIN FOLEY**
WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Erin Foley is a youth services librarian with Wake County Public Libraries. In her current role at the Northeast Regional Library, she works to serve preschoolers and their families, but has previously worked with all age groups, from birth to teen. A former teacher, she also taught preschool and elementary school.

**2019 Diverse Books Grant recipients**

- Brenda Hornsby Heindl: Liberty Public Library
- Amanda Weaver: Parson County Public Library
- Judith Winecoff: Watauga County Library
- Amber Westall Briggs, Cindy Surleson, Karen Dobrogosz: AMY Regional Library
- Katy Henderson: Chatham Community Library

Happy Hour Breakout Discussions

- Self-Care – How have you been handling your own health during this unprecedented time? Join others to explore ways to refresh, relax and renew your mind and body!
- Preschool Programming Online – Do you need to explore programs to offer to your little patrons? Jump in and discuss with others searching for the same thing!
- School Age Programming Online – From STEM to Book clubs, everything has jumped into the digital world! Find out what you can offer to your families while they watch from home!
- Teen Programming Online – How do you reach the young adults in your library when they’re not actually in the building? Join others to explore programs and brainstorm ideas!
- Geek Out! – Sometimes you just want to share awesome ideas, or products you’ve seen with others! Explore VR, technology and talk shop about how you might get these in libraries or use on your own!
- Digital Scavenger Hunts and Escape Rooms – You’ve seen them. Have you done any at your library? See how and discuss with others some great ways to implement scavenger hunts and escape rooms online!
- New Norm for In-Person Programming – How are you doing in-person programs to comply with new regulations? Discuss new programming standards and ideas with others in this breakout!