SUMMIT ON THE PEDAGOGY FOR
YA LITERATURE
IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CLASSROOM & LIBRARY
May 29 & 30, 2019 at UNLV • Register @ tinyurl.com/2019YAPedagogy

Aimed towards current and future teachers, librarians, and readers, this two-day conference provides two in-depth days of interactive breakout sessions to discuss teaching Young Adult Literature in Middle Level and High School classrooms. Are you interested in supporting diverse literacy and readers? This conference is for you. Earn Professional Development Education (PDE) credits for attending both days of this exciting learning opportunity.

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Featured Authors & Literature

Meg Medina  Meg Medina is the New York Times best-selling author of picture books, middle grade novels, and YA fiction. She is the author of Merci Suarez Changes Gears, which won the 2019 John Newbery medal and the 2018 Charlotte Huck honor, Yaga Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass, which won the Pura Belpre medal, as well as Burn Baby Burn and The Girl Who Could Silence the Wind. Her picture books include Mango, Abuela and Me, and Tia Isa Wants a Car. Meg's works have been called “heartbreaking,” “lyrical” and “must haves for every collection.” Her work examines how cultures intersect, as seen through the eyes of young people.

Ibi Zoboi  is the author American Street, which was nominated for the 2018 National Book Award and received five starred reviews. She is the author of the highly acclaimed young adult novel, Pride and edited the anthology, Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America. Her debut middle grade novel, My Life as an Ice-Cream Sandwich, arrives this summer.

Phil Bildner  is the New York Times bestselling author of numerous books for kids. He is the author of many children’s picture books including the Margaret Wise Brown Prize winning Marvelous Cornelius, the Texas Bluebonnet Award winning Shoeless Joe & Black Betsy, Martina & Chrissie, Twenty-One Elephants, The Soccer Fence, The Hallelujah Flight, The Greatest Game Ever Played, Night at the Stadium and The Unforgettable Season. He is also the author of A Whole New Ballgame, Rookie of the Year, Tournament of Champions, and Most Valuable Players in the critically acclaimed middle grade Rip & Red series, and along with Loren Long, the co-creator of the middle grade serial, Sluggers.
Featured Conference Presentations

- YA for All: Using YA Literature in the AP and Honors Class to Explore Similar Literary Quality
  Steven T. Bickmore, Associate Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

- The Best Book I Ever Read: The Power of Young Adult Literature in the Classroom
  James Blasingame, Professor, Arizona State University

- Reimagining the English Classroom with Student Choice and Voice
  Sarah Donovan, Assistant Professor, Oklahoma State

- Using Critical Theory to Engage Diversity in YA Literature
  Sybil Durand, Assistant Professor, Arizona State University

- Discover a New World of Reading: Making the Case for Graphic Novels as “Real” Books in Secondary Education
  Amanda Melilli, Associate Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

- Examining, Discussing, and Writing About the Angry or Peaceful Mob through YA Literature
  Gretchen Rumohr-Vosuil, Associate Professor, Aquinas College

- Diverse Fantastic Characters and Where to Find Them: Decolonizing the Imagination in ELA Classrooms
  Stephanie Toliver, Ph.D. Student, The University of Georgia, Athens

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Scholars.................................................................$99 +fees

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Scholars, Students, Teachers & Librarians.............$125 +fees

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