

# CHARGING UP



# WITH LITERACY

**SoMIRAC 2017**

State of Maryland  
International Reading Association Council

*Forty-fifth Annual Conference*  
March 29-31, 2017  
Hunt Valley Inn, Wyndam Grand, Baltimore

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Our conference will once again be *three full days*.

The “**Bring Your Boss to Breakfast**” function will be held on **Wednesday, March 29, 2017**. As this is a sponsored event with limited seating, be sure to register early.

### **BOX LUNCH SELECTIONS**

**Smoked Turkey Sandwich**, cranberry aioli and Swiss cheese on croissant

**Tuna Salad Sandwich** with lettuce and tomato on whole grain bread

**Vegetarian Wrap** with grilled Portobello mushrooms, arugula, roasted peppers and tapenade

**Fresh Garden Salad** with seasonal vegetables topped with sliced grilled chicken

**\*All lunches served with a bag of chips, piece of fruit, brownie, soda or water**

### **NEW!!! LUNCH TIME CHAT AND CHEW**

Each day at lunch time from 11:45-12:30 we will be offering “Chat and Chew” sessions where you can take your boxed lunch to a session and listen to the following speakers:

**Wednesday: Maryland’s Teachers of the Year**

**Thursday: Illustrator, Dana Sullivan**

**Friday: Author, Jason Chin**

### **DINNER (Wednesday 7:00) “Literacy in Motion”**

**Our special guest speaker will be author/poet Carole Boston Weatherford. A special student group will entertain us with artistic interpretations of her poetry.**

### **AUTHORS’ NIGHT (Thursday evening 7:00-9:00)**

**Speed date with 16 of our favorite authors and receive an autographed book!**

### **FIRE AND ICE (an ice cream social on steroids!)**

**Open to everyone Thursday evening after the authors’ night. Join us for some tasty treats and have some fun.**

# The 45th ANNUAL SoMIRAC CONFERENCE

presents  
A Preliminary Program  
(subject to change)

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

7:30-2:00	Registration	12:30-1:30	Featured Speakers KENNETH WILLIAMS MARVIN TERBAN STEVE RILEY KATHY SCHROCK
8:00-4:30	Exhibits Open		
7:45-9:15	Bring Your Boss to Breakfast JOHN SCHUMACHER aka "MR. SCHU" ( <i>ticketed event</i> )	12:30-1:30	Concurrent Sessions A. Making Diverse Perspectives an Everyday Event, Carolyn Cook B. KinderWheel: Structured Literacy Choices for Young Learners C. Text Alive: Using Scripted Scenes for Classroom Literacy Practice, Leigh Catterton D. The Act of Conversation to Lead Teacher Guided Reading Planning, L. Karen Greene-Turner
8:15-9:15	Featured Speakers VALYNNE MAETANI  Concurrent Sessions A. How Can I Spark Curiosity in My Students? Kim Eggborn, Lisa Johnson, Paige Zimmer B. Close Reading of Complex Texts, Rebecca Carranza C. Notes With a V.I.E.W.. Christine Guns D. Establishing a Writing Center to Target Skill in High School Students, Tanya Dunsey-Filson	1:45-2:45	Featured Speakers TIM SHANAHAN KATHY SCHROCK CHRISTINA GONZALEZ  Concurrent Sessions A. Fostering a Growth Mindset Through Children's Picture Books, Judith V.T. Wilson B. Research in Action, Katelyn Shenton, Jessica Behar C. Higher Order Conversations, Jody C. Ratti D. Power-Up Your Strategies to Support Content Vocabulary and Comprehension, Kelly Davis, Stephanie Alan, Jonathan Swann, Lauryn Reade
9:30-10:30	Featured Speakers JENNIFER SERAVALLO MONICA BURNS ADVOCACY PANEL BRYNNE BARNES  Concurrent Sessions A. Global Classroom: Connecting Your Students With the World, Brian Cook B. The Big Short: The Growing and Harmful Disconnection Between Elementary School Literacy and Literacy in the Departmentalized School, Harry Stein C. Making Science Sparkle for Kids: An Author/Illustrator Reveals How, Susan Stockdale D. Moving From Dependence to Independence: Creating Habits of Mind in the Literacy Classroom, Dawn Little	3:00-4:00	Keynote JENNIFER SERAVALLO
10:45-11:45	Keynote TIM SHANAHAN	4:30-6:00	Young Authors' Receptions BRYNNE BARNES (Grades 2-8) TODD McCLIMANS (Grades 9-12)
11:45-12:30	Lunch Break/Exhibits LUNCH TIME CHAT AND CHEW with Maryland's Teachers of the Year	7:00-9:00	Dinner "LITERACY IN MOTION" A night with CAROLE BOSTON WEATHERFORD and artistic interpretations of her poetry ( <i>ticketed event</i> )





