PRECONFERENCE SESSIONS

Full Day Session (10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m./ 1:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Full STEAM Ahead! Presenter: Jamesetta James, K-12 STEAM Program Manager at IT-ology - *$50*
(session will end @ 4:30 p.m.)
Join us for a hands-on workshop demonstrating how to infuse project-based learning activities into library lesson plans. Participants will learn introductory computer science concepts such as loops, conditionals and functions as well as how to teach computer science skills such as algorithms, critical thinking, logic, persistence, and creativity in problem-solving through collaboration. These skills will be addressed through "unplugged" and online activities. The curriculum provided by Code.org aligns to the CSTA Computer Science Standards with multiple connections to content standards cross disciplines.***This session is intended for K-5 librarians and educators. Participants are asked to bring their devices.***

Morning Preconference Sessions (10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)

Using Coretta Scott King Award-Winning Books to Enhance K-12 Teaching and Learning - *$25*
Presenter: Alan R. Bailey, Associate Professor, J.Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University
Literature depicting the African American experience should not be limited to Black History Month, but a part of the daily K-12 curriculum. Remember, it's not simply African American history – it's American history and is significant to all students.

Join Professor Bailey for an entertaining and informative pre-conference session highlighting the history and an overview of the Coretta Scott King (CSK) Book Awards, the significance of incorporating diverse books within the curriculum, how CSK books correlate with state and national standards, free resources available to support classroom teachers and school librarians, and effective strategies for writing fruitful lesson plans while aligning CSK books with standards. The pre-conference will conclude with an energetic conversation centered on ways to teach lessons and host programs and events accentuating Coretta Scott King Award-Winning books and door prizes!

Participants are encouraged to bring 3-5 of their favorite CSK books.

Creating and Sustaining a Culturally Relevant Learning Environment - *$25*
Presenters: Dr. Sabina Mosso-Taylor, Principal & Adjunct Professor, University of South Carolina
Valentè Gibson, Angie Enlow
Hear an administrator, practicing teacher, and school librarian share their experiences with cultivating and sustaining culturally responsive learning environments in their school and district. They will discuss the challenges, successes, and day-to-day practices and strategies that help to make their schools increasingly culturally responsive. Presenters will facilitate conversation and discussion regarding issues of race, culture, and language and participants will leave with strategies and a rough plan of action to take back to their schools and district for immediate implementation.

50+ Digital Resources and Apps -*$25* **Presenter: Dr. Heather Moorefield-Lang, Assistant Professor Department of Library and Information Studies. University of North Carolina at Greensboro**
Looking for great websites and apps? Then this is the pre-con for you. Join Dr. Heather Moorefield-Lang for a fast-paced session on digital and online tools. Be ready to leave with an exciting batch of resources to share! We will delve into sites and tools, connect them with new AASL Standards, and make plans for student and faculty integration. Make sure to bring your favorite device to the session for full participation!

Morning Tour (9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

Richland Public Library Children's Room and Teen Center Cost: $15
Join us for a tour of the brand-new Children's Room and Teen Center at the award winning Assembly Street branch of Richland Library. The newly renovated spaces feature places for younger patrons to learn, create, and share! Additions include a Makerspace, Gaming Lab, Flexible Deck Space, and public art installation.

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Afternoon Preconference Sessions (1:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Using Adobe Spark for Literacy Activities - *$25* **Presenter: Dr. Monica Burns, EdTech & Curriculum Consultant, Founder of Class Tech Tips, LLC, Apple Distinguished Educator**
Students of all ages have a story to tell! From personal narratives to persuasive writing, there are many ways for students to share their reading experiences and life experiences with the world. In this session you'll learn how designing opportunities for creation in the classroom empower students as learners and consumers. After an overview of the totally free Adobe Spark tools for iPads and Chromebooks, attendees will have an opportunity to make and share as they participate in a model workflow for students. This session will introduce Spark Video movie-making tool, Spark Page website builder tool, and Spark Post image creator tool. Attendees will hear and see student work samples and find inspiration for learning activities across the content areas with a focus on literacy activities.

Collaborating for Literacy- *$25* **Presenters: Clayton Copeland, Karen Gavigan, Liz Hartnett, University of South Carolina, Sue Kowalski, School Librarian**
Collaboration is a powerful force in improving literacy, but obstacles remain. Explore the issue from a variety of perspectives in this informative preconference session. You'll hear from educators, administrators, and of course school librarians in a panel discussion -bring your questions! Keynote speaker, Sue Kowalski, 2016 Library Journal Mover and Shaker, "I Love My Librarian" award winner, and 2011 National School Library Program of the Year winner, will speak on the importance and effectiveness of collaboration between librarians and classroom teachers.

Explore Your National School Library Standards (Take I-I-C-C-E-E to Your Next Level!) - *$25* **Presenter: Ellen McNair, Instructional Leadership Consultant, AASL National Standards Implementation Task Force Member (2015-18)**
Whether this is your first opportunity to dig into the AASL National School Library Standards, or you are knee-deep into connecting the Shared Foundations and Key Commitments to your work, this pre-conference is for you! You will have opportunities to make connections with the standards in ways that will ignite your students' curiosity, engage their ethical behavior, and increase their thinking skills. Join Ellen McNair in an afternoon of exploration, sharing, deep learning, and to create meaningful strategies for implementation. Leave this session with immediate usable action steps for empowering your learners. [Added value: The more you know about your new School Librarian Standards, the more opportunities you will have to increase your administrators' understanding of the relevance that your School Library Program has to today's learners!]

Afternoon Tour (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Historic Columbia Tour of Main Street *Cost: $15*
Join us in an exploration of the history and architecture of our great Capital city and the people and places that have shaped our past!

Evening Tour (7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.)

2 Gals & a Fork Vista Culinary Tour *Cost: $40*
This mouth-watering tour features stops at five Vista restaurants while a Historic Columbia tour guide talks about the history of Columbia and specifically the Vista in between food stops. Let Two Gals and a Fork Food Tours show you the best that "famously hot" Columbia has to offer!

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