

ASLA/SLASA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

April 12-13 2021



Day One

MONDAY 12 APRIL, 2021



8.30 AM – 9.15 AM
PLENARY ROOM

Welcome – Margo Pickworth, Asla President
Housekeeping
Acknowledgment of Country
Opening of Conference – ASLA Patron, Margaret Merga

9.15 AM – 10.30 AM
PLENARY ROOM

KEYNOTE 

Elizabeth Hutchinson (UK)

Thinking and Acting in a Global Village: A Story in Three Parts

10.30 AM – 11.00 AM

MORNING TEA

11.00 AM – 11.45 PM

Room 1

**Daramalan College
Teacher Librarians**

*All the key questions:
Exploring Practical
Critical Thinking
Strategies*

BREAKOUT ROOMS

Room 2

Dr Nerida Wayland

*Getting through the
Keyhole:
The Ideological and
Creative Potential of
Funny Books in the
Thirdspace*

Room 3

**Dr Chin Ee Loh
(Singapore)**

*Creating a Sense of
Place: Keys to Designing
Evidence-Based Future-
Ready School Libraries*

Room 4

Emily Conolon

The Key of Choice

11.45 AM – 12.30 PM
PLENARY ROOM

KEYNOTE 

Ron Ritchhart (USA)

Practices of Making Thinking Visible

12.30 PM – 1.30 PM

LUNCH

1.30 PM – 2.30 PM

Room 1

Helen Kardiasmenos

*Interactive Literacy
Through
Digital Technologies*

BREAKOUT ROOMS

Room 2

Luka Lesson

*Amplifying Youth
Voices Through Poetry*

Room 3

**Holly Godfree & Lori
Korodaj**

*Too Much of a Good Thing:
How to Prioritise and
Streamline Your Workload*

Room 4

Sigy George

(New Delhi, India)

*Status of School Libraries
Across Two Countries.*

2.30 PM – 3.30 PM
PLENARY ROOM

KEYNOTE

Rebecca Heyer

Oh, the Places You'll Go in a STEM Career (and how my teachers helped me get there)!

3.30 PM

CONFERENCE DAY – Housekeeping

7.00 PM
PLENARY ROOM

COCKTAIL HOUR

Louisa Fitzhardinge – Comma Sutra
Comedian, actor and voice over artist



Day Two

TUESDAY 13 APRIL, 2021



8.00 AM – 9.00 AM
PLENARY ROOM

KEYNOTE



Dr Steven Layne (USA)

In Defense of Read Alouds

9.00 AM – 9.30 AM
PLENARY ROOM

ASLA AGM

9.30 AM – 10.00 AM

ASLA/SLASA PRESENTATIONS

ASLA Teacher Librarian Award

Website & Memberships

Message from the Children's Laureate – Ursula Dubosarsky

10.00 AM – 10.30 PM

MORNING TEA

10.30 AM – 11.30 PM
PLENARY ROOM

BREAKOUT ROOMS

Room 1

K Garrison, L Fitzgerald

Unlocking Literary
Learning across the
Curriculum

Room 3

Marc McBride

Creating Characters

Room 4

Liz Derouet

*Play and Perspective: The
Role of Postmodern Picture
Books in 21st Century
Learning.*

11.30 PM – 12.30 PM

KEYNOTE



Dr Kay Oddone

Teacher Librarian as Leader- Lessons from an MBA

BREAKOUT ROOMS (Concurrent with the Keynote in this session)

Room 1

Christina Booth:

*Stories Are Our
Superpower!*

Room 2

Wendy Jocum

*Communication and
Collaboration*

Room 3

Danielle Clode

Lessons from Life in the Past

Room 4

Steve Francis

*Increasing Your WORK-LIFE
Satisfaction*

12.30 PM – 1.30 PM

LUNCH

1.30 PM – 2.30 PM

KEYNOTE



Steve Francis *Juggling Jelly and Other Impossible Tasks Like
Pleasing Everybody*

2.30 PM – 3.30 PM

PANEL – TBC

Prizes, raffle draws, closing remarks.

3.30 PM

CONFERENCE CLOSED– Virtual Happy Hour



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