

EBMA SPEAKERS



Amanda Jones

Amanda Jones is a teacher-librarian from Watson, LA. She is the 2021 School Library Journal Co-Librarian of the Year, a 2021 Library Journal Mover and Shaker, and the 2020 Louisiana School Librarian of the Year. Amanda is the Vice President of the Louisiana Association of School Librarians, an AASL Social Media Superstar, and a member of the Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Committee. She is passionate about school library advocacy and promoting the love of reading. Find out more about her at librarianjones.com.



Brian O'Leary

Brian O'Leary is executive director of the Book Industry Study Group, a U.S.-based trade association that disseminates information, creates and implements standards, and conducts research to benefit the book publishing supply chain.

Before being named to this role in 2016, O'Leary was principal of Magellan Media Consulting, which helped publishers improve how they create, manage and distribute content. In that role, O'Leary wrote extensively about issues affecting the publishing industry. With Hugh McGuire, he co-edited *Book: A Futurist's Manifesto* (O'Reilly Media, 2012).

O'Leary served as senior VP with Hammond Inc. and oversaw production and distribution operations at several Time Inc. magazines. O'Leary joined Time Inc. after earning an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. He also holds an A.B. in chemistry from Harvard College.



Dawn Quigley

Dawn Quigley is a citizen of the Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe, North Dakota. The first book in her Jo Jo Makoons chapter book series was selected as a best book of the year by *Kirkus Reviews*, *School Library Journal*, and *American Indians in Children's Literature*, and received five starred reviews; it was also chosen as a Charlotte Huck Award Honor Book. Her debut YA novel, *Apple in the Middle*, was awarded an American Indian Youth Literature Honor. She is a PhD, education, university faculty member, and a former K–12 reading and English teacher, as well as Indian Education program codirector. You can find her online at www.dawnquigley.com.



Eric Heidemann

Eric is the Owner of Fujii Associates and Book Rep Centraal. Fujii's publishing partners include Abrams, Workman, Sterling, Peachtree as well as other dynamic publishers. Eric specializes in educational wholesale accounts as well as Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville, IL. His key educational wholesale accounts are Follett School Solutions, Follett Bookfairs, Booksource, Classroom Library Company, Bound to Stay Bound, Perfection Learning and Hertzberg New Method/Permabound. He began his publishing career in 1995 as a House Rep for National Book Network. He joined Fujii in 1998 and in 2011 took over as the Owner.



Grace Lin

Grace Lin, a NY Times bestselling author/illustrator, won the Newbery Honor for *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* and the Theodor Geisel Honor for *Ling and Ting*. Her novel *When the Sea Turned to Silver* was a National Book Award Finalist and her picture book, *A Big Mooncake for Little Star* was awarded the Caldecott Honor. Grace is also an occasional commentator for New England Public Radio, a reviewer for the NY Times, a video essayist for PBS NewsHour, and the speaker of the popular TEDx talk, *The Windows and Mirrors of Your Child's Bookshelf*, as well as hosting the two podcasts: *kidlitwomen** and *Kids Ask Authors*. In 2016, Grace's art was displayed at the White House where Grace, herself, was recognized by President Obama's office as a Champion of Change for Asian American and Pacific Islander Art and Storytelling.



Joanna Ho

Joanna Ho is the New York Times Bestselling author of *Eyes that Kiss in the Corners*, *Eyes that Speak to the Stars*, and *Playing at the Border: A Story of Yo-Yo Ma*. She has been an English teacher, a dean, a teacher, and a professional development mastermind. She is currently the vice principal of a high school in the San Francisco Bay area. Her passion for equity in books and education is matched only by her love of homemade chocolate chip cookies, outdoor adventures, and dance parties with her kids.

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Juliana Urtubey (Who-lee-ana Er-two-bay) 2021 National Teacher of the Year

Juliana Urtubey is spending this year advocating for a joyous and just education for all students that celebrates their families, identities, and communities. Juliana, a National Board Certified Teacher, is known as "Ms. Earth" for her efforts to beautify schools and unify the community through murals and gardens. She is a special education co-teacher at Kermit Booker Elementary in Las Vegas, Nevada.



Lisa Morris-Wilkey

Lisa Morris-Wilkey is currently a teacher librarian at Casa Grande Middle School and Saguaro Elementary School in Casa Grande, Arizona. She is also the lead librarian for the 12 schools in her district. Prior to this position, she was a high school librarian. Lisa's 30 year education career has ranged from teaching in grades 1-4 as well as coordinating her Title I school's program, teaching in the gifted program for her K-8 district, and teaching middle school English. Her passion is in finding just the right book at the right time for her students.

Lisa is the recent co-chair of the International Literacy Association's (ILA) Young Adult Choices committee, a former member of the American Association for School Librarian's (AASL) Conference Committee and a current member of the Children's Author Committee for the Tucson Festival of Books. Lisa has been active in NCTE (National Council of English) over the years; she has also been a member of ALAN's (Assembly of Literature for NCTE) Elizabeth Amelia Walden Award. NCTE's Orbis Pictus Award, and the American Librarian Association's Best Fiction for Young Adults' Committee. She is a current member of the ALAN board and has also moderated many author panels at conferences.



Michael Hutchinson

Michael Hutchinson is a citizen of the Misiwastik Cree Nation in the Treaty 5 territory. He has worked as the Director of Communications for the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, project manager for the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba, and as a communications officer for the Assembly of First Nations. He was the host of APTN National News and produced APTN's sit-down interview show, Face to Face. After leaving APTN, Michael worked for advocacy organizations like the Assembly of First Nations and the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, and recently was a co-host on CTV Morning Live Winnipeg. He is currently the Communications Manager at the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre. Michael is the author of the Mighty Muskrats Mystery Series, award-winning middle-grade novels that blend Indigenous life and culture with Hardy Boys-style mysteries. He lives and works in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Monique Gray Smith

Monique Gray Smith is a mixed-heritage woman of Cree, Lakota and Scottish ancestry and a proud mom of twins. Monique is an accomplished consultant, writer and international speaker. Her first novel, *Tilly: A Story of Hope and Resilience*, won the 2014 Burt Award for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Literature. Her books for young readers include *When We Are Kind, You Hold Me Up*, *Speaking Our Truth* and *My Heart Fills With Happiness*, which won the Christie Harris Illustrated Children's Literature Prize. Monique and her family are blessed to live on Lekwungen territory in Victoria, British Columbia.



Roberta Starck

Roberta Starck's background includes 15 years with Follett School Solutions and her career spans 24 years as a teacher and librarian in elementary and middle schools. Grant writing and programming were a large part of her job as a Library Media Specialist.

In Starck's current position as a librarian in Content Curations, she is responsible for creating lists for new school libraries and updating collections, and updating and maintaining the middle school curriculum core lists. Starck attends publishers' meetings weekly and works closely with Acquisitions in reviewing all new titles.

Her education includes a BA from University of Texas, Austin, Masters in Education from Northern Illinois University, and an MLIS degree from University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.



S. D. Nelson

S. D. Nelson is a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in the Dakotas. He is the author and illustrator of several books, including *Red Cloud*, *Sitting Bull*, *Black Elk's Vision*, and many more. His books have received numerous starred reviews and been awarded many accolades including an American Indian Library Association Honor Book, the Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List, the Carter G. Woodson Award, the Orbis Pictus Award, and the Western Writers of America Spur Award. You can find him online at <https://www.sdnelson.net/>.