Leading Literacy Coalitions: From Classrooms to Communities

While reading and writing may sometimes be private hobbies, literacy is unequivocally a public, political act. We utilize reading, writing, speaking, listening, analysis, and creating to engage with others within and beyond our own communities.

Literacy leadership is tasked with building communities to honor, bolster, develop, and enact literacy practices among students and adults. These communities may be individual grade-level teams, content-area departments, schools, districts, states, or national or international organizations that seek to empower student agency. Whether we are engaging with conceptualizations and applications of servant leadership; Freire’s critical pedagogy and praxis; Gonzalez, Moll, and Amanti’s funds of knowledge; or emancipatory education, community is at the heart of what literacy leaders do.

The Conference on English Leadership 2022 Annual Convention calls for us to share, connect, and examine how we center or build communities in our educational settings.

Keynote Speakers:

**Sunday, Nov. 20:** SHELDON L. EAKINS, founder of the Leading Equity Center and host of the Leading Equity podcast

**Monday, Nov. 21:** ISAAC HUANG, member of the Conejo Valley Unified School District’s Inaugural Equity Task Force and is the principal and lead learner at Madrona Elementary School

**Monday, Nov. 21:** LEE ANN JUNG, CEO of Lead Inclusion, clinical professor at San Diego State University, and a consultant to schools worldwide

**Tuesday, Nov. 22:** SARAH RAFAEL GARCÍA, an arts leader in Orange County and a literary arts advocate nationally, and founder of Barrio Writers, LibroMobile, and Crear Studio arts programs

Come Together: Using YAL to Rise, Overcome, and Forge Ahead Together

The theme for the 2022 ALAN Workshop is “Come Together: Using YAL to Rise, Overcome, and Forge Ahead Together.” We will feature authors and presenters who focus on and celebrate the power of individuals uniting with a shared love for young adult literature and its potential for transformation. We want participants to think about how they might harness this power to rise against oppressive forces, and in doing so, inspire opportunities for advocacy, support, and deeper connection with and among adolescents.

Your workshop registration includes an amazing box of books, the opportunity to hear from authors you and your students admire, breakout sessions, a reception with authors, and lunch.

Read more about the ALAN Workshop and other ALAN events during the NCTE Annual Convention in this blog post from 2022 ALAN President Dani King-Watkins: alan-ya.org/2022/08/14 alan-how-to-for-2022-workshop/