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Youth Services Conference Preliminary Program
Embassy Suites Plainfield, IN
August 16-17, 2020
**Registration Rates**

- Full Conference: Member - $180 / Non-member - $265
- One Day: Member - $110 / Non-member - $160

**Hotel Accommodations**

**Embassy Suites**

Suites are $154 and include two rooms. Click here or call 1-800-EMBASSY (1-800-362-2779) to make reservations.

**Due to COVID-19, conference sessions may be subject to change.**

**Special Note Regarding Pandemic**

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**Keynote - Leah Johnson**

Leah Johnson is a writer, editor and eternal Midwesterner, currently moonlighting as a New Yorker. She is a 2021 Lambda Literary Emerging Writers Fellow whose work has been published in BuzzFeed, Autostraddle, Catapult, and Electric Literature among others. Her debut YA novel, *You Should See Me in a Crown* was named one of Cosmopolitan’s 15 Best Young Adult Books of 2020, and was an Indies Introduce and Junior Library Guild selection. Her sophomore novel, *Rise to the Sun* is forthcoming from Scholastic in 2021. Visit her at byleahjohnson.com.

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**Peace Learning Center** has taught participative and performance-based courses and workshops on nonviolent conflict resolution, conflict management, team building, and other courses based on mutual respect and appreciation for others since opening in 1997. Join them as they lead participants in interactive activities that engages the audience in self-awareness, self-reflection, and skill building.
Welcome - 1:30pm

Visit with Exhibitors - 2:15pm - 2:35pm

Breakout Session 1 - 2:35pm

Serving Head Start Classrooms through Outreach
The Monroe County Public Library reaches out to 23 classrooms housed in 11 Head Start facilities to provide age appropriate programming and book collections each month. Join outreach librarian Dana Duffy to learn how to create portable programs for preschool audience and partner with other agencies that serve youth in your community.

Presenter: Dana Duffy, Monroe County Public Library

Tails & Tales: CSLP 2021
Join Beth Yates, the Indiana State Library’s Children’s Consultant, as she shares information and updates about the Collaborative Summer Library Program’s animal-themed 2021 program “Tails and Tales.” Please come prepared to share your program ideas at this interactive session!

Presenter: Beth Yates, Indiana State Library

Engage Patrons with Tech Tools
School librarians often use technology tools to engage their patrons (students), many of those can easily transfer over to the public sphere and serve public librarian patrons and staff. We will look at Padlet, Flip-grid, Wakelet, and possibly a few others! These can all be used to both receive information from and distribute information to patrons. They are great for building virtual interaction!

Presenter: JoyAnn Boudreau, Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate/Junior High

Visit with Exhibitors - 3:45pm - 4:15pm

Breakout Session 2 - 4:15pm

Dyslexia: A Civil Rights Issue for 1 in 5 Americans
Most dyslexics remain undiagnosed and treatment remains tragically unobtainable in most public schools. Learn about dyslexia and how your library can help this population.

Presenter: Anne Guthrie, Greenwood Public Library

Make it all Count
Create a happier, more efficient and effective team. From brainstorming to designing and implementing changes that count! Presenter will share tips and tricks to motivate, encourage and develop a growth mindset team atmosphere—moving them to choose to be their best to move your library forward.

Presenter: Beth Munk, Kendallville Public Library
Virtual Programming Content
Learn about practical and innovative virtual programs your library can recreate today. North Manchester Public Library will discuss some of their most successful virtual programs and how going virtual allowed them to expand the scope of their offerings. **Panelists:** Sarah Morbitzer and Heidi Lovett, North Manchester Public Library

**MONDAY**

**KEYNOTE: LEAH JOHNSON**
**9AM - 10AM**

Visit with Exhibitors 10am -10:20am

Breakout Session 1 - 10:20am

**Session with Keynote Author**
Leah Johnson

**Featured Partner - Peace Learning Center:**
**Managing Stress**
Join Peace Learning Center facilitators as they work you through managing your stress, and the stress of your staff, as you plan your library reopenings in this COVID-19 environment. These expert facilitators will work through presentation and interactive exercises acknowledging professional and personal wellness, as well as techniques for regulation. The information gained in this session will help you lead by example once returning to your physical library space.

**Facilitated Topics - 11:30am**
- Management
- Supporting Schools
- Virtual Programming

**Lunch - 12:30pm - 1:30pm**

Breakout Session 3 - 1:30pm

**Bringing Literacy into the Home and Beyond**
What happens when you take a child’s education back to where it started? In the 21st century, technology and forward thinking practice has enabled library services to move beyond the library building. In keeping with the traditional role of libraries to promote and spread literacy, but taking an updated approach, the Muncie Public Library’s Academic Enrichment Department promotes literacy by enhancing after school programming and bringing it right to the families’ front door. **Presenter:** Katie Lehman, Muncie Public Library

**Teens in the Library: Why They Matter**
Connecting with teenagers can be confusing and tricky to navigate, but it can also be incredibly rewarding and fun! Come learn some best practices for welcoming teens into your library why it is so important that we validate every teen that walks through the door. Learn some beginner teen neurobiology and developmental processes that will help in understanding how teens think and see the world. **Presenter:** Kelsey McLane, Goshen College

**Peace Learning Center: Conflict Resolution**
**90 minute session**
Join Peace Learning Center as they lead participants in interactive activities that engages the audience in self-awareness, self-reflection, and skill building. Participants will learn about conflict styles and STEP (a process for solving conflict) equipping them better to handle conflict individually with their peers, patrons, and family.

**Visit with Exhibitors - 2:30pm - 3pm**

Breakout Session - 4 - 3pm

**Supporting Grieving Children & Youth**
The death of someone you love can be one of the most difficult experiences of your life. When a child experiences the death of someone significant, his or her feelings and thoughts may become confusing and overwhelming. Children and teens grieve differently than adults. In the long term, unrecognized or unreconciled grief may negatively impact a child as he or she enters adulthood. Brooke’s Place presents developmentally appropriate principles and resources to support grieving children, youth and families. **Presenter:** Tara Ntumba, Brooke’s Place for Grieving Young People

**Math Masters: Math Programs That Go Beyond Numbers**
Looking for ways to incorporate hands-on math programs that are engaging and fun? Wondering how to apply the M in STEAM? This session will share programming ideas that are low cost, interactive, easy to implement, and scalable to most age groups. **Presenter:** Cindy Baumeister, Crown Point Community Library