Children’s Literature

I was a little hesitant to come to the conference as a library media specialist. I wondered if there would be any sessions beneficial to my job. Boy, was I pleasantly surprised! The sessions I attended were outstanding and highly informative!

— Library Media Specialist, 2019 Conference Attendee

The Delicacy of Dreams: The Power of Imagination
Nikki Grimes, children’s author & poet, Corona, CA
As a child, Gabriella was discouraged from daydreaming, especially in the classroom. But was she doing something wrong? That’s one of the questions asked in *Words with Wings*, a novel about daydreaming. Explore the power of daydreams, and the ways flights of fancy, when harnessed, can enhance the reading and writing experience.

Best New Books for Grades 3-6
Lisa Pinkerton, Reading Recovery trainer, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
This engaging session showcases outstanding new books for cultivating reading joy in Grade 3-6 students. An extensive list of titles highlights a variety of genres, formats, themes, and awards.

What’s New in 2019 for K-2 Readers?
Patricia Scharer, professor emeritus, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
Discover quality children’s literature of many genres published in 2019. A bibliography is provided.

Build Your Stack™ with NCTE
Franki Sibberson, president, National Council of Teachers of English, Hilliard, OH
Lynsey Burkins, chair, Build Your Stack Committee, National Council of Teachers of English, Westerville, OH
A fast-paced session in which a panel of teachers will share great books so that you can Build Your Stack™ and find books to add to your classroom library.

New Children’s Literature to Teach, Inspire, and Engage Diverse Learners
From Madeira City Schools, Cincinnati, OH
Fran Wilson, 2nd-grade teacher & ELA instructional leader
Nicole Prater, 2nd-grade teacher
Discover newly published books and learn classroom-tested ideas to teach across the curriculum and promote culturally responsive classrooms. Children’s work and classroom charts demonstrate ways to differentiate.

The Right Solutions for Today’s Diverse Classrooms
Resources to Differentiate Instruction
Equitable Spanish Materials
Transformative Professional Learning
Culturally Relevant Literature