



**KSLA's 51st Annual Conference**  
The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center  
October 28 - 31, 2018

This October we will convene our 51st annual conference. Join us as we celebrate launching Keystone State Literacy Association. A new name, but the mission, values, and dedication to providing leadership in literacy and education remain strong! This year's theme is *Literacy's Legacy*; a legacy to be treasured, and a future full of possibilities. We have special events planned for those arriving **Sunday, October 28th**; you can participate in a Paint Party or take a tour of the Pattee and Paterno Library in State College. These are ticketed events. Events begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. Arrange your travel plans, so that you have enough time to check into the hotel, and with KSLA's Conference Registration. Your tickets for all events and meals will be included in your conference registration envelope. Sunday evening, attend a dessert reception in Deans Hall. Everyone is welcomed!.

**One Conference - One Book *The Word Collector* by Peter H. Reynolds**

**Monday, October 29th, attend General Sessions with Lester Laminack, Peter H. Reynolds and Laura Robb.**

**Tuesday, October 30th, attend General Sessions with Weston Kieschnick, Matt Stem and Lunch with Bernadette Dwyer, President of ILA.**

**Wednesday, October 31st, attend General Session with Olivia Van Ledtje (@thelivbits) and the Book and Author Awards.**

Featured Speakers include **Lester Laminack, Peter Reynolds, Roey Ebert, Rita Bean, Molly Ness, Laura Robb, Kylene Beers, Robert Probst, Weston Kieschnick, Donna Jo Napoli, Bernadette Dwyer, Melissa Stewart and Olivia Van Ledtje (@thelivbits).**

Many authors and literacy advocates will be presenting and participating in the Authors' Tea, Breakfast or Meals including Peter Reynolds, Melissa Stewart, John Schumacher (Mr. Schu) Frank Murphy, Lindsay Barrett George, Donna Jo Napoli, Mylisa Larsen, Linda Oatman High, Kim Briggs, Jennie K. Brown, Kathy Miller, Pamela Tuck, Jan Cheripko, Jennifer Hansen Rolli and Roey Ebert. Authors will also be available for book signings.

The Preliminary Program was sent to KSLA members and can be viewed on our website, [www.ksrapa.org](http://www.ksrapa.org). Share this information with your school community. We have more than 75 breakout sessions and workshops being offered over the course of this conference, led by fellow educators and experts eager to share their best teaching practices with you. Ideally, we ask you to plan to attend for three days of literacy and learning, if this is not a possibility, we have provided for daily registrations. Continue to check the website for updates.

The conference committee has worked diligently over the past year to develop, plan and organize an exciting and unforgettable conference. Thank you for the many hours you so generously gave toward planning this conference. KSLA's *Literacy's Legacy*. Take part in many of the literacy events planned at the Hospitality Center. For more information contact Stephanie Romano at [saromano@ptd.net](mailto:saromano@ptd.net) or Sue Menser at [srmenser@gmail.com](mailto:srmenser@gmail.com). Register early. Jane Schultz will assist you with information concerning registration, contact her at [kslaconfreg@gmail.com](mailto:kslaconfreg@gmail.com). A conference operates smoothly with the assistance of many volunteers, Anna Landers will be able to guide you through this. Anna can be reached at [annalanders.ksra@gmail.com](mailto:annalanders.ksra@gmail.com). Our conference is a great way to meet wonderful people, or renew professional relationships. Allow us to get to know you. Share your passion.

Literacy is one of the greatest gifts a person may receive. My wish is that all councils and members participate in this year's conference, KSLA's *Literacy Legacy*.

See you in State College!  
Kathy Sagl  
2018 Conference Chair