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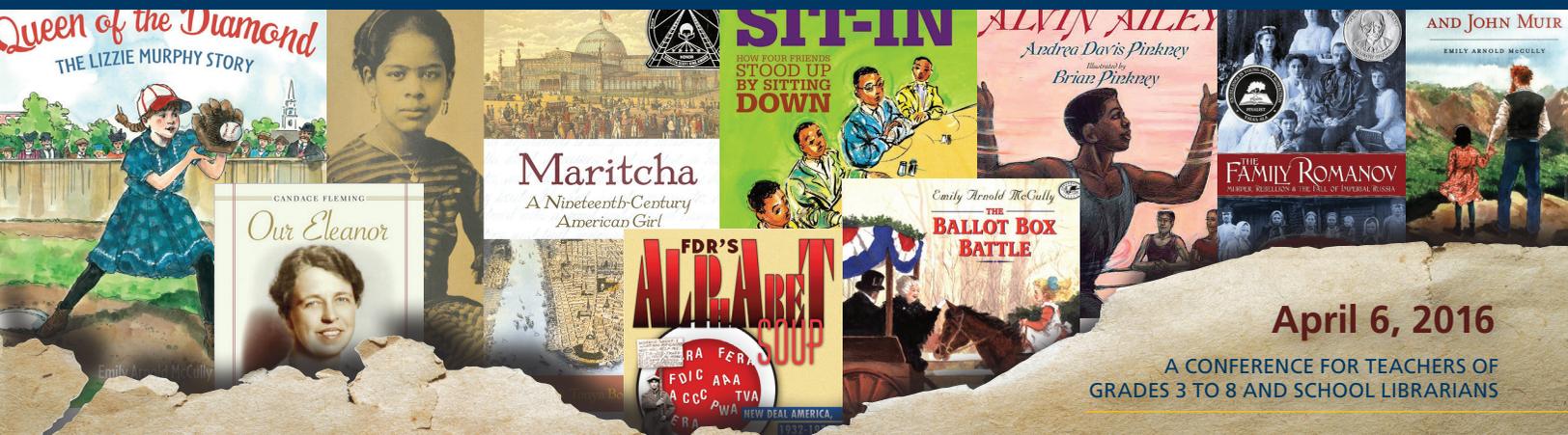


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April 6, 2016

A CONFERENCE FOR TEACHERS OF GRADES 3 TO 8 AND SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

New Frontiers in Biography and History

Real-Life Stories to Inspire Young Readers & Writers

Presented by John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site & John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum

From an early age, **John F. Kennedy** was stirred by stories about heroes in history. While serving in the US Senate, he received a Pulitzer Prize in Biography for *Profiles in Courage*, a book which has inspired generations of readers. Later, as a presidential candidate, JFK asked citizens to summon the heroic spirit of the American frontier in meeting challenges of the 1960s: "I believe the times demand invention, innovation, imagination.... I am asking each of you to be new pioneers on that New Frontier."



In that same spirit, our conference brings together four of today's most imaginative, innovative authors of biography and history books for children and young adults. They are pioneering new frontiers in these genres by writing about people who have been under-represented or neglected—and by going beyond the bounds of traditional nonfiction narrative for a fresh look at more familiar figures from the past. Their books not only make for great reading but can also serve as mentor texts to inspire students' own writing about real people and real events. In addition, the program features two outstanding educators who will share effective approaches for integrating nonfiction into the curriculum and connecting with the Common Core.

Join us on April 6 and come away with a wealth of ideas and resources for engaging the readers and writers in your classroom!



Tonya Bolden is the author of highly-regarded biographies of Martin Luther King Jr. and George Washington Carver. She has also written richly documented stories about little-known African Americans whose lives shed new light on America's past in books such as *Maritcha*; *Searching for Sarah Rector*; and *Capital Days*. Tonya has been named the recipient of the 2016 Children's Book Guild Nonfiction Award.



Mary Ann Cappiello, professor of language and literacy at Lesley University, is a passionate advocate for integrating high-quality children's and young adult literature—especially nonfiction—into the elementary and middle school classroom. She is the co-author of *Teaching with Text Sets* and *Teaching to Complexity* and co-creator of *The Classroom Bookshelf* blog.



Candace Fleming is well-known for her innovative, scrapbook approach to biography in books about Benjamin Franklin, Abraham and Mary Lincoln, and Eleanor Roosevelt—intimate portraits that are chock-full of visuals and fascinating sidelights. P.T. Barnum and Amelia Earhart are the subjects of more recent biographies. Her newest title, *The Family Romanov*, won the 2015 Boston Globe-Horn Book Award for Nonfiction.



Emily Arnold McCully received the Caldecott Medal for her illustrations but thinks of herself first as a writer. In her numerous historical picture books, "brave and inquisitive girls" are often the heroines. They include *The Escape of Oney Judge*; *Marvelous Mattie*; and *The Bobbin Girl*. Her full-length biography of journalist Ida M. Tarbell was a finalist for the 2015 YALSA Award for Outstanding Nonfiction.



Andrea Davis Pinkney is a noted author and influential children's book editor who was recognized by the ALA "for her significant contributions to literature for young people ... through a body of work that brings a deeper understanding of African-American heritage." Her titles include *Dear Benjamin Banneker*; *Boycott Blues*; *Sit-In*; and *Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America*—all illustrated by her husband Brian Pinkney.



Myra Zarnowski teaches courses in literacy, social studies and children's literature at Queens College, CUNY. She is dedicated to bringing excellent nonfiction into schools to promote thinking and learning across the curriculum. Her books *History Makers* and *Making Sense of History* show teachers how to present children with some of the authentic challenges faced by biographers and historians.

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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

- 8:00 Registration, book browsing
- 8:30 Introduction
- 8:45 **Imagination and Innovation in Biography and History**
Keynote presentation by Myra Zarnowski
- 9:45 Book browsing/conversation with colleagues
- 10:20 **Expanding the Frontiers of Nonfiction for Children and Young Adults**
Panel discussion with Tonya Bolden, Candace Fleming, Emily Arnold McCully, Andrea Davis Pinkney, and Mary Ann Cappiello (moderator)
- 11:40 Lunch
- 12:20 Concurrent Sessions
 - A. Making Sense of History Using "Powerful Pairs" and Other Classroom Activities**
Workshop with Myra Zarnowski
 - B. Building Text Sets on the Lives and Contributions of Under-Represented People in History**
Workshop with Mary Ann Cappiello
- 1:30 Concurrent Sessions
 - A. Dialogue with Emily McCully and Andrea Pinkney**
The authors discuss their books for younger readers.
 - B. Dialogue with Tonya Bolden and Candace Fleming**
The authors discuss their books for older readers.
- 2:35 Briefing on web-based conference resources
- 2:50 Conclusion, book signing

More detailed information on the program and speakers is available at:

- www.nps.gov/jofi/learn/education/conference.htm
- www.jfklibrary.org/profdev