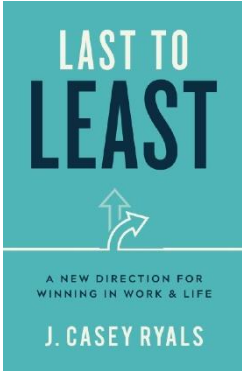
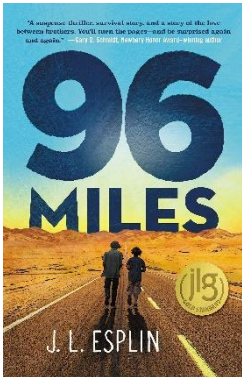
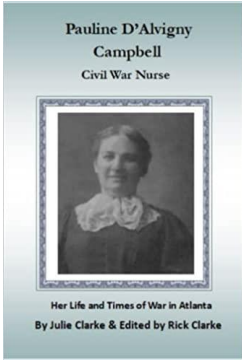


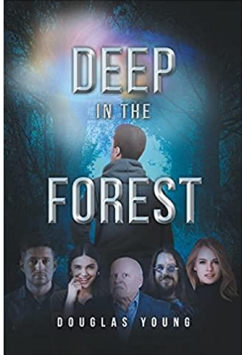
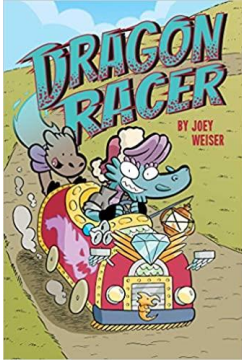
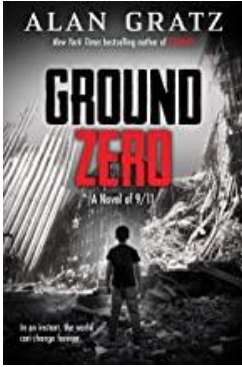
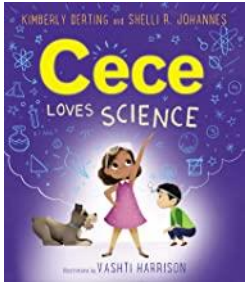



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Session Title	Presenter Name & Book Cover	Description
<p>A Map for your Future</p>	<p>Casey Ryals</p> 	<p>A Map for your Future: Choosing the Best Career Path - Do you wish you had a road map for your future? Choosing a career path can be scary. Do I need a degree? Do I have an idea that will allow me to start a business? Should I commit to my plan early or wait to decide?</p> <p>Individuals from 6 to 66 years old are asking these questions. We need to have a map to help navigate these future events so we do not get off track.</p> <p>You will also leave knowing the surprising difference most people never learn when trying to influence their own future.</p> <p>We will be interactive and fun, but also take this content very seriously....our future depends on it!</p>
<p>Anyone Can Write: How I went from hating books to becoming a writer</p>	<p>J.L. Esplin</p> 	<p>Growing up, JL Esplin hated books. She hated them so much that she managed to get all the way through school without ever having read an entire book. So how did JL end up becoming a writer of books for kids and teens? JL will share her inspiring story of persistence, sharing how you can accomplish anything you set out to do.</p>
<p>Atlanta Nurse during the Civil War</p>	<p>Julie Clarke</p> 	<p>Presenting the life of Pauline D'Alvigny Campbell, who was a nurse and matron during the Civil War in Atlanta. Her father was a surgeon, who was the role model for Dr. Meade in the book "Gone with the Wind". Pauline, a farmer's wife, had three young children with her when she was asked to leave her home at Peachtree Creek, going into the city of Atlanta. Julie Clarke wrote a book about Pauline, her husband's ancestor, which includes a written account by Pauline about her experiences in 1864 and during Reconstruction. Mrs. Clarke will dress in period attire of a Civil War nurse and bring some displays.</p>
<p>Blogging For Beginners</p>	<p>Tanna Roush</p>	<p>Leave ready to launch your own blog with this intro to blogging covering basic blogging tips & tricks.</p>

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Building a Brand	Dana Doss Doss Design	Attendees will create their own business and generate a plan for marketing it - why, their audience, their product, etc. - You will complete a brand+style guide - who is your customer, how would you describe your business, things you need to answer to build a logo, building a logo, tools you can use for your business, what is your goal, marketing.
Come On, Let's Publish Your Book!	Patrice McLaurin 	Patrice will give an overview on what it takes to self-publish a book.
Dinosaurs, Snowballs, and Riches	Pat Peoples Smith 	Pat will describe her personal journey from debt to wealth-building, and offer simple techniques for kids and teens to start their wealth-building journey!
Don't Be Afraid to Discover the Joys of Writing	Dr. Douglas Young 	Writing helps us to think better, understand more, become better students, express ourselves more fully, and get closer to others.
Get Inspired: Coloring & Writing Prompts		In this session, participants will be able to select from multiple coloring pages or writing prompts to create with. Everything is provided for you to walk away with a creation of your own.

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How to Create a Graphic Novel	Joey Weiser 	Georgia Book Award-winning cartoonist Joey Weiser uses examples from his graphic novels Dragon Racer, Ghost Hog, and Mermin to illustrate how to write and draw your very own comics!
It List Author Panel		Our featured It List Authors answer everything from what was their first car to their top pet peeves. Join us for this fast paced lightning round of panel questions!
Jr. Tome 21-22 It List: Battle of the Books + Meet & Greet		Middle school students join us to cast your vote for your favorite books from the 21-22 Jr. Tome It List. This session will get you up and moving and ALSO you will get to meet students from other chapters that enjoy the same books as you.
Jr. Tome It List 22-23 Preview & 21-22 Trivia Game		Middle school students join us to test your knowledge of the books on the 21-22 Jr. Tome It List. Participants will form teams of 2-4 students. Each team will need one device to participate. The top team will win prizes for showcasing their It List trivia knowledge. This session will wrap up with a special preview of the 22-23 Jr. Tome It List.
Keynote: Meet Alan Gratz!	Alan Gratz 	Alan will discuss his writing and books, including more in-depth dives into favorites like Ground Zero and Refugee.
Lessons In Landing A Job!	Stacey Reece	"Lessons In Landing A Job" is to inspire students to prepare now for their future in the workforce. It begins with achieving their educational goals, establishing good habits, and a strong work ethic that will pave the way for continued success.

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<p>Science Stories - Experiments with your fiction stories</p>	<p>Shelli R. Johannes</p> 	<p>Writing is fun! So is science! So...don't be afraid to mix them together! (FYI, that's kind of like chemistry!) In this session, we will look at some popular and fun fiction books and see how the author mixed in some fun science topics, sometimes without you even knowing. We will also do a brief exercise where you will create your own simple story by adding in a little science of your own.</p>
<p>Snakes Alive!</p>	<p>Kathy Church</p>	<p>Fictional creatures may be fantastic, but Georgia's native creatures are phenomenal! Join Kathy Church, Wildlife Specialist with the Ga Department of Natural Resources, to learn about animals who have more twists and turns than a page-turner.....Snakes! Fiction, non-fiction, real and imaginary meld together in an exciting exploration of these sublimely spellbinding serpents. (Live animals will be present)</p>
<p>Snowball Investing For Teens</p>	<p>Pat Peoples Smith</p> 	<p>Pat will describe her personal journey from debt to wealth-building, and offer simple techniques for kids and teens to start their wealth-building journey!</p>
<p>Story Weaving</p>	<p>Gwendolyn J. Napier Kumba Storytellers of Georgia</p>	<p>Where Do I Go From Here? Collecting & Connecting Artifacts and Memorabilia, Researching Family Stories and History, Passing It On.</p>
<p>Storytelling in the Virtual World and POETRY Reading with a TWIST</p>	<p>Josie Bailey Stories by Josie</p>	<p>Josie discusses virtual storytelling and reaching your audience. She offers tips for developing virtual stories that create an intense connection to audiences and keep audience members engaged, using examples from her own virtual portfolio of stories.</p> <p>Also experience POETRY Reading with a different Slant!</p>

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Superheroes & You	Kate Hannigan 	Hannigan will share about superheroes, WWII history, research & writing.
The Big Bad: How to Create a Memorable Villain	Leslie Lutz 	The perfect villain does more than wreck your hero's best laid plans. In this session, you'll learn how to create a Big Bad who amplifies your main character's inner struggle. Then you'll learn to draw on personal experiences to make "the bad guy" really come to life.
The Man Who Carved Stone Mountain	Donna Faulkner Barron 	The biography and legacy of Roy Faulkner, Chief Carver and the man who finished the Confederate Memorial Carving on the north face of Stone Mountain.
There's No Such Thing as a Bad Idea	McCall Hoyle 	Award-winning author McCall Hoyle will answer the question she is asked more than any other at school visits: where do you get your story ideas? She will also share the ideas and brainstorming that went into her most recent book, STELLA, and will share a sneak peek at the ideas for a forthcoming companion book to STELLA. Then she will engage aspiring young authors by helping them brainstorm a story idea, or two, of their own.

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Trapped in a Tome - Unlock Your Story	Hall County Library System	You are trapped in a book! Work with a team and use clues from this year's It List to solve puzzles and see if you can escape the tome!
Writing for Children and Teens	Michael E. Owens 	Learn how to get started writing your own book.
Writing What's Important	Patrick Flores-Scott 	My thoughts on writing what matters most. How to take BIG IDEAS and turn them into compelling, personal, immediate stories that capture your reader.
Writing, Publishing and Marketing - An Author's Perspective	Charles de Andrade 	Charles will review his experiences as an author of seven books, being picked up by a publisher, only to have the publisher go bankrupt, and learning about ISBN numbers being tied to the publisher, finding a new publisher, the role of the author in marketing, and the importance of finding support groups to keep you encouraged in the journey.