



Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of NCTE

Welcome to the latest edition of our monthly newsletter from ALAN, where we immerse ourselves in the vibrant world of young adult literature and teaching. In this month's issue, ALAN Back-to-School Virtual Event, Bill Konigsberg Award announcement, 2024 ALAN Workshop panels and more!

### Upcoming Dates

- **August 28:** ALAN Back-to-School Virtual Event
- **September 1:** Smith-Carlsen Grant application due
- **September 1:** Cart-Campbell Grant application due
- **September 8:** #ALANReads Book Club
- **October 1:** ALAN Foundation Grant application due



## Join Us: Back to School Event!

Kick off the school year with ALAN! Join us for the ALAN Back-to-School virtual event with feature speaker Nic Stone on **Wednesday, August 28** from 7-9 pm EST! Don't miss out—register today using the link below.

[Register Here](https://tinyurl.com/ALAN-Back-to-School)

## ALAN Grants: September 1 and October 1 Deadlines

### Workshop Grants for New Attendees

#### Smith-Carlsen Grant

The Smith-Carlsen Grant supports the attendance of a graduate student working in English Education, Literacy Education and/or Young Adult



Literature to attend the ALAN Workshop.  
**Application due September 1, 2024**

### Cart-Campbell Grant

The Cart-Campbell Grant offers funding and complimentary registration for practicing librarians toward attendance at the annual two-day ALAN Workshop.

**Application due September 1, 2024**

### Research Grant

#### ALAN Foundation Grant

Members of ALAN may apply to the ALAN Foundation for funding (up to \$1,500) for research in young adult literature.

**Application due October 1, 2024**

For more information about all three grants, visit the [Grants & Awards page on alan-ya.org](#).

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## ALAN Workshop 2024: Let Them Read



Registration is now open for the 2024 ALAN Workshop and ALAN Breakfast!

<https://convention.ncte.org/registration/>

Workshop registration includes: Two days of author panels, keynotes, & talks; a box of books written by ALAN authors; Sunday Night Author Meet & Greet Reception; box lunch on Monday; light snacks/coffee during breaks on Monday & Tuesday; Poster sessions; ALAN Writing Seminar session with award-winning authors on Saturday evening during the NCTE SIG session; AND a year's membership to ALAN!

(The ALAN Breakfast is a ticketed breakfast and requires a separate registration.)



**NCTE SESSION: ALAN ROUNDTABLE\***  
Friday, November 22nd  
9:30-10:45am  
Room 253 A-C

**AND DON'T MISS OUT ON THE ALAN BOOTH IN THE NCTE EXHIBIT HALL!\***

**ALAN BREAKFAST\*\***  
Saturday, November 23rd 7:00-9:15am  
Keynote: Ellen Oh  
Room: TBD

**NCTE SESSION: ALAN WRITING SEMINAR\***  
Saturday, November 23rd 5:45-7:00pm  
Room 210 B  
Featuring Gene Luen Yang & LeUyen Pham

**ALAN AUTHOR MEET & GREET RECEPTION\*\*\***  
Sunday, November 24th 5:00-6:30pm  
Time & Room: TBD

**ALAN WORKSHOP\*\*\***  
Monday, November 25th 8:00am-5:30pm  
Tuesday, November 26th 8:00am-1:45pm  
Room: TBD  
Featuring over 70 creators  
Keynotes: Dhonielle Clayton (Monday)  
& Aiden Thomas (Tuesday)

\*Part of NCTE Conference  
\*\*Ticketed breakfast  
\*\*\*Included with ALAN Registration



ALAN 2024 Know Before You Go Coming Soon!

## Workshop Announcements

Workshop announcements started in June and will continue throughout the summer and early fall! Make sure to register to not miss out on our amazing lineup!

View our past announcements on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Threads](#).



**Reimagined: Fairy Tales Renewed**  
Jen Calonita and Kaylynn Bayron  
Monday, November 25 at 4:40pm

This is an interactive panel which is a new type of panel debuting at the 2024 ALAN workshop! ALAN participants will have the opportunity to turn in questions to ask the panelists.



**Journalistic Reflections: Thriller Commentary**  
Codie Crowley and Jumata Emill  
Tuesday, November 26 at 11:35am

This is an interactive panel which is a new type of panel debuting at the 2024 ALAN workshop! ALAN participants will have the opportunity to turn in questions to ask the panelists.

When you start making your ALAN 2024 plans, make sure to have them include staying all the way through Tuesday when

the workshop ends.



### In Conversation: Their Forces Combined

Gene Luen Yang and LeUyen Pham  
*Monday, November 25 at 9:10am*

In addition to the **ALAN Writing Seminar**, these authors will also join us during the ALAN workshop!



### Beyond Appearances: Confronting Body Shaming

Natalie Lloyd, Josh Galarza and Meredith Adamo  
*Tuesday, November 26 at 11:55am*

When you start making your ALAN 2024 plans, make sure to have them include staying all the way through Tuesday when the workshop ends, so you don't miss out on these amazing authors.



### Shadowed Secrets: Fantasy Mysteries

Madeline Claire Franklin, Sarah Henning, and Kiana Krystle  
*Tuesday, November 26 at 11:10am*

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### Family Challenges: Navigating Complex Bonds

Kern Carter, Jandy Nelson, and Isaac Blum  
*Monday, November 25 at 12:55pm*



### Echoes of the Past: Historical Inspirations

Mason Stokes, Katherine Marsh, and Kalela Williams  
*Monday, November 25 at 10:20am*



### Beyond Authoring: Expanding Their Reach - Interactive Panel

Terry J. Benton-Walker and Kwame Mbalia  
*Monday, November 25 at 10:45am*



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## Bill Konigsberg Award Winner Selected!



ALAN's 2024 recipient of the Bill Konigsberg Award for Acts and Activism for Equity and Inclusion through Literature is Jason Westra-Hall!

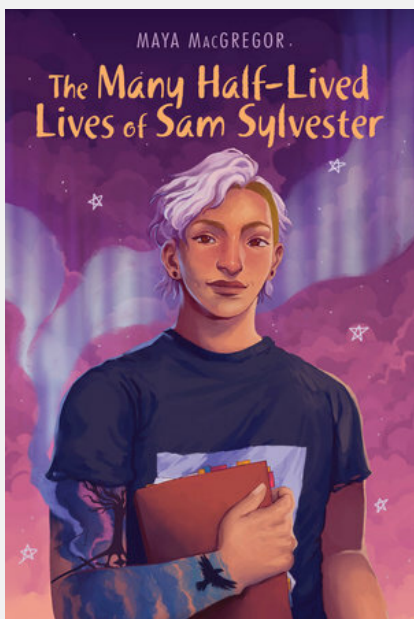


Meet Jason Westra-Hall, our newest Bill Konigsberg Award winner, from Grand Ledge High School in Grand Ledge, Michigan! Mr. Westra-Hall is an English teacher who is also a Model UN advisor, the head of his school's Gender and Sexuality Alliance, and is the leader of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Professional Learning Committee, where he guides other teachers in promoting those ideals. He is also the representative at-large for the Michigan Council of Teachers of English. Through his work both in and out of the classroom, Jason supports his students through academics and extracurriculars, giving his students a safe space in which to feel that they belong. We are proud to bestow this award on such a champion for LGBTQIA+ youth!

The Konigsberg Award, established in 2018, is presented annually to an individual who has acted in selfless advocacy of marginalized youth through the creation, teaching, funding or other form of promotion of young adult literature. This award was initiated to recognize individuals standing up for groups of young people who are victimized by hate speech or actions. For wielding the power of young adult literature with thought and intention to make the world a better place, the winner will be recognized at the ALAN Breakfast.

To learn more about the award and see past winners, visit <https://alan-ya.org/awards/the-konigsberg-award/>.

# The #ALANReads Book Club



Join us in discussing *The Many Half-Lived Lives of Sam Sylvester* by Maya MacGregor. The virtual discussion will be held on **September 8 @5PM EST**.

## 2024 #ALANReads Book Club Books and Dates

- November 24 (LIVE!): *We Can Be Heroes* by Kyrie McCauley

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