

Alaska Association of School Librarians

# 2025 SCHOOL LIBRARY LEARNING ACADEMY

Join us for the revival of the premier summer learning opportunity for school librarians in Alaska!

## FEATURED SPEAKERS

### John Schu

librarian & author of *Louder Than Hunger* and *Ruthie Rose's Big Idea* will share his favorite book picks and speak on the importance of reading

### Donlayn Miller

educator and author of *The Book Whisperer* and *The Joy of Reading* will speak on promoting reading in the school

### Dr. Judy Henning

Associate Professor at University of Nebraska at Kearney will share her research on K-12 reading behavior and the use of AI in education

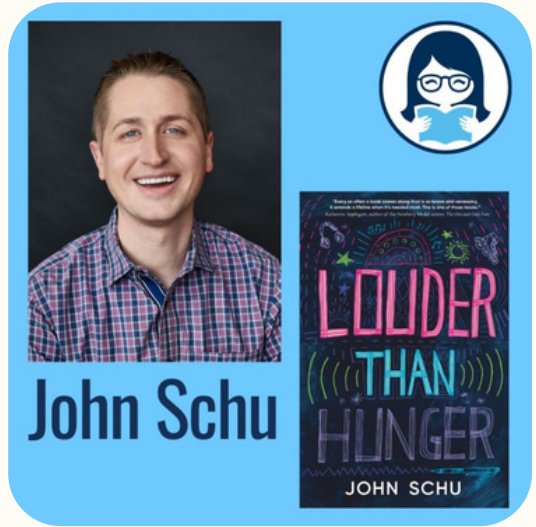
### News Literacy Project

will share professional development on evaluating news bias and how to teach it in the library

Participation costs \$100 and includes breakfast and lunch during the in-person workshop. Lodging will be provided for participants outside of Anchorage, and transportation will be reimbursed for individuals travelling more than 50 miles to attend. In addition, all participants will have the option to receive 3 continuing education credits at no cost and will receive up to \$120 of free books.

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or find the link on the AkASL website



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9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

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ANCHORAGE

# AGENDA

*The agenda is subject to change.*

## **Monday, June 2**

John Schu will open the academy with an inspiring keynote on fostering a love of reading. Attendees will explore strategies for encouraging daily reading habits. Schu will lead another engaging session, followed by a hands-on workshop, and a book signing with book give aways.

## **Tuesday, June 3**

Today's keynote will be presented by Donalyn Miller, *The Book Whisperer*, who will sign books after her presentation and then guide us through an activity. Participants will also engage in breakout sessions led by local librarians.

## **Wednesday, June 4**

Dr. Judy Henning will share her research on the role of AI in education, and lead a workshop on adolescent reading for pleasure. A guest from the Alaska Department of Education will lead a discussion on the role of the school librarian in the science of reading.

## **Thursday, June 5**

Participants will engage in presentations from the News Literacy Project on Algorithms and Generative AI: Pitfalls and possibilities for students. Keelin Baughman, from the Anchorage Public Library, will lead a hands-on book repair workshop.

## **Friday, June 6**

The final day will include a presentation on the best new children's & YA literature that will conclude with a book giveaway. The afternoon will include presentations from local librarians.

*Sessions throughout the academy will involve a mix of large group and breakout sessions featuring lecture, activity, workshop, and discussion based opportunities. Participants will be asked to complete short homework activities each night, such as readings and worksheets, to prepare for the following day's activities.*

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