



**Annual Conference**  
**October 26-28, 2016**  
**The Omni Homestead Resort**  
**Hot Springs, VA.**

## **Educate, Advocate, Promote, Praise, Repeat!**

It's the best professional conference around and you won't want to miss it!

Early Bird registration is OPEN NOW through July 15.

REGISTER TODAY at <http://tinyurl.com/2016VLA>

What could be better than fall at the Omni Homestead Resort to rejuvenate personally and professionally? PLUS, in honor of the resort's 250th anniversary celebration, we are excited to offer attendees a sleeping room rate that meets librarians' budgets.

Early Bird registration for the conference is now open. Does your library have end-of-the year money to spend? Are you presenting? Do you love a deal? Can't wait to network with your people from all over Virginia? VLA members save even more money.

Click [here](#) to join VLA before registering for the conference.

## **Learning, Exhibits, Food, Books, Networking, Socials, Programs, Speakers, Miniature Golf and More!**

### **Preliminary Schedule:**

#### **Wednesday, October 26**

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Choose one of three exciting Pre-conferences this year (Immerse yourself in Advocacy or Sustainability; or hone your Writing Skills with nationally-recognized facilitators. \$55 for pre-conference only; \$40 with conference registration.

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Dinner on your own or Scholarship and Awards Banquet Celebrate VLA's scholarship and award winners with a delicious sit-down dinner prepared in The Homestead's award-winning kitchen. \$55.00; any proceeds will be donated to the Scholarship Fund.

8:30 pm – 10:30 pm New Members Round Table Miniature Golf. (Free, with a cash bar.)

## **Thursday, October 27**

8:30 am – 9:30 am Ribbon-Cutting and complimentary coffee, tea and pastries in the Exhibit Hall

9:30 am – 11:00 am Keynote Address by 2015 Newbery Medalist Kwame Alexander . . . . . ➔

11:15 am – 12:00 pm Lunch Break (Make it easy with a box lunch for \$15. Prepare to learn!)

12:15 – 1:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

1:15 – 2:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

2:15 – 3:00 pm Poster Sessions (Fresh ideas and a refreshment break in the Exhibit Hall)

3:15 – 4:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

4:15 – 5:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

5:15 – 6:00 pm Business Meetings

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Dinner On Your Own

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm All Conference Social (Sweet and savory snacks provided, in addition to one complimentary glass of wine or beer.)

10:00 pm – ? Late-night Movie (You know there will be a librarian in the movie! Free.)



## **Friday, October 28**

8:30 am – 9:15 am Complimentary coffee, tea and pastries in the Exhibit Hall (Again!)

9:30 am – 10:15 am Concurrent Sessions

10:30 am – 11:15 am Concurrent Sessions

11:30 am – 1:00 pm Networking Lunch with Past-ALA President Maureen Sullivan (\$30)

1:15 pm – 2:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

3:00 pm End of Conference

Prepare to be amazed by what your colleagues are doing. With concurrent sessions you can catch up with what's going on in our academic, public, and special libraries. There are workshops, discussions, how-we-did-its, and more to tempt staff and friends, from the circulation desk to the director's office.

**More (free) events are being organized and will be added to the schedule soon. Hamilton sing-alongs, knitting meet-ups – we're finalizing all the details.**

## Pricing for Conference

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### Through July 15: Early Bird Registration

	VLA Members*	Non Members
Full Conference	\$150.00	\$225.00
Full Conference for Session Presenters	\$75.00	\$112.50
Full Conference for Student/Retiree/Trustee Members of VLA	\$90.00	N/A
One Day (Thursday or Friday)	\$100.00	\$150.00
One Day (Session Presenters)	\$50.00	\$75.00
One Day (Student/Retiree/Trustee Members of VLA)	\$60.00	N/A
One Day (Presenters who are also Student/Retiree/Trustee Members)	\$40.00	N/A

### July 16 – October 12: Advance Registration

	VLA Members*	Non Members
Full Conference	\$175.00	\$262.50
Full Conference for Session Presenters	\$87.50	\$131.25
Full Conference for Student/Retiree/Trustee Members of VLA	\$95.00	N/A
One Day (Thursday or Friday)	\$125.00	\$187.50
One Day (Session Presenters)	\$60.00	\$95.00
One Day (Student/Retiree/Trustee Members of VLA)	\$70.00	N/A
One Day (Presenters who are also Student/Retiree/Trustee Members)	\$55.00	N/A

**October 13-October 28:** Add \$25.00 to each amount listed under Advance Registration. No meal tickets can be ordered after October 12.

\* 2016 Members of the Virginia Library Association, the District of Columbia Library Association, the Maryland Library Association, the Delaware Library Association and the West Virginia Library Association are eligible for Member pricing.

Is your employer willing to pay your registration fees? With VLA's registration system, you can make a partial payment for any extras or tickets now, and then invoice your organization for the registration only.

## Tickets

	VLA Members*	Non Members
Preconference: Sustainability with Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (Wednesday, 2pm – 5pm)	\$40.00	\$55.00
Preconference: Advocacy and Elevator Speech Boot Camp with ALA's Jamie LaRue and Marcie Merola (Wednesday, 2pm – 5pm)	\$40.00	\$55.00
Preconference: Writing Academy with the Virginia Libraries Journal Editorial Board (Wednesday, 2pm – 5pm)	\$40.00	\$55.00
Bundled Meal Plan (includes Tickets 1-3)	\$90.00	\$90.00
Ticket 1: Wednesday Evening 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship & Awards Banquet	\$55.00	\$55.00
Ticket 2: Box Lunch Ticket	\$15.00	\$15.00
Ticket 3: Friday Luncheon with ALA Past President Maureen Sullivan	\$30.00	\$30.00
<b>Complimentary Events:</b>		
Wednesday Night NMRT Mini Golf Social (cash bar)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thursday Late Night Movie	\$0.00	\$0.00

**The Omni Homestead is offering the following incredible group rates (same rate for single or double occupancy)**

### RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM:

<http://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/homesteadvirginia/meetings/virginialibraryassociation>

Two nights \$250 + resort fee and taxes (Wednesday and Thursday)

One night \$155 + resort fee and taxes (Wednesday or Thursday)

Add Tuesday or Friday for \$155 + resort fee and taxes (based on availability)

The hotel registration link will be shared with VLA vendors on July 5.