

## Save the Date

### Annual Children's Literature Conference For Teachers of Grades 3 – 8 and School Librarians

**November 8, 2023**

### From Head and Heart: Caring for the Environment through Science, Stories and Action



Keynote Speaker Dr. J. Drew Lanham is a birder, naturalist, and hunter-conservationist and the author of *The Home Place: Memoirs of a Colored Man's Love Affair with Nature*. He is a 2022 MacArthur Fellow, an Alumni Distinguished Professor of Wildlife Ecology and Master Teacher at Clemson University.

Young people are increasingly aware of the challenges to our planet. With each new environmental crisis, they are demanding action and asking leaders to acknowledge that, in President Kennedy's words, "The supreme reality of our time is our indivisibility ... and our common vulnerability on this planet." How can educators and librarians encourage students to understand the interconnectedness of the natural world? How can we prepare young people to face the urgent challenges of a changing climate? What actions can students take to work towards environmental justice? Join award-winning authors Laurie Lawlor, Sy Montgomery, Anita Sanchez, and Melissa Stewart to discuss how literature can empower students to navigate the future with hope and determination.