

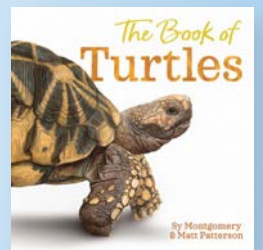
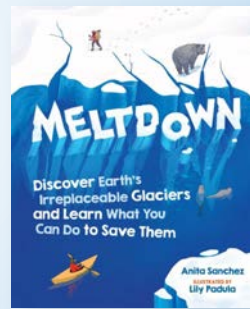
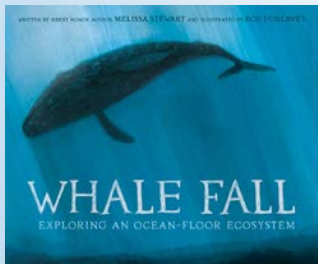
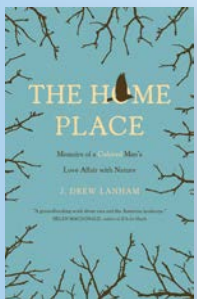
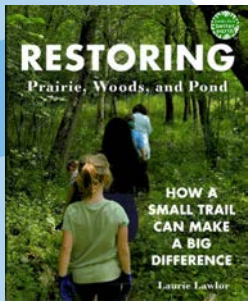
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# Caring for the Environment through Science, Stories, and Action

NOVEMBER 8, 2023



A Conference for Teachers of Grades 3 to 8 and School Librarians  
Presented by the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum

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." This daylong conference will explore how literature can help students to understand the interconnectedness of the natural world and how educators can prepare young people to face the urgent challenges of a changing climate.

Join keynote speaker Dr. J. Drew Lanham and award-winning authors Laurie Lawlor, Sy Montgomery, Anita Sanchez and Melissa Stewart to discuss the impact of climate change and how literature can empower students to navigate the future with hope and determination.



Keynote Speaker  
Dr. J. Drew Lanham



Laurie Lawlor



Sy Montgomery



Anita Sanchez



Melissa Stewart

## Program at a Glance

- 8:00 Registration
- 8:30 Introduction
- 8:45 Keynote Address by **Dr. J. Drew Lanham**
- 9:45 Book Browsing, Conversation with Colleagues
- 10:15 Panel discussion with **Laurie Lawlor, Sy Montgomery, Anita Sanchez,** and **Melissa Stewart** – moderated by **Dr. Grace Enriquez**, Lesley University
- 11:30 Lunch
- 12:20 Concurrent Sessions I:
  - A.** Integrating Climate Change Content into the Curriculum with *Change is Simple*
  - B.** Climate Justice: An Introduction for Teachers with **Jennifer Feller**, *Mass Audubon*
  - C.** Meet the Author: **Laurie Lawlor**
- 1:20 Break
- 1:30 Concurrent Sessions II:
  - D.** Integrating Climate Change Content into the Curriculum *Change is Simple*
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  - F.** Meet the Author: **Anita Sanchez**
  - G.** Meet the Author: **Melissa Stewart**
- 2:30 Break
- 2:40 Meet the Author and Illustrator: **Sy Montgomery** and **Matt Patterson**
- 3:20 Raffle, Conclusion
- 3:30 Book Signing

## Registration Information

Registration includes lunch, handouts, and an annotated bibliography of recommended children's books related to the conference.

**Early registration fee: \$85 Aug. 18 – Oct. 6**

**Regular registration fee: \$100 Oct. 7 – Nov. 1**

Access conference details and the registration form on the conference webpage, [jfklibrary.org/profdev](http://jfklibrary.org/profdev). For information, contact Esther Kohn, [esther.kohn@nara.gov](mailto:esther.kohn@nara.gov).

