

Pennsylvania School Librarians Association

PSLA Annual Conference History

April 19 - 20, 1974

Harrisburg Host Inn

Keynote Speaker	John Pittinger
Banquet Speaker	Nat Hentoff
Luncheon Speaker	Elizabeth Hoffmann

April 4 - 5, 1975

Seven Springs Mountain Resort

Theme - Action: The Key to Quality

Keynote Speaker	Dr. Marilyn Miller
Banquet Speaker	Alvin Schwartz
Luncheon Speaker	Elizabeth Hoffman

Awards

Outstanding Author	Marguerite De Angeli
Special Award	Elizabeth Hoffman

April 8-10, 1976

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme - Curriculum '76

Keynote Speaker	Dr. Barry Farnum
Banquet Speaker	Virginia Hamilton
Luncheon Speaker	Gerald McDermott

Awards

Outstanding Author	Lloyd Alexander
Outstanding Contributor	Dr. Robert Grimm
School LMC Program	Boyertown

April 28-30, 1977

Downingtown Motor Inn

Theme - Dear Class! I Love You:

Keynote Speaker	Harry Wong
Banquet Speaker	M.E.Kerr
Luncheon Speaker	Lillian Hoban

Awards

Outstanding Author	Margaret Hodges
Outstanding Contributor	Ruth Ann Davies
School LMC Program	North Penn

April 27-29, 1978

Seven Springs Mountain Resort

Theme - Learning From Today and Yesterday For Tomorrow

Keynote Speaker	Daniel Fader
Banquet Speaker	Beverly Cleary
Luncheon Speaker	Arnold Lobel

Awards

Outstanding Author	Jean Fritz
Outstanding Contributor	Alice Bartz
School LMC Program	District of Lancaster

April 24-26, 1979

Philadelphia Marriott

Theme - The Subject is Learning

Keynote Speaker	Dr. Richard Foster
Banquet Speaker	Bette Greene
Luncheon Speaker	Peter Spier

Awards

Outstanding Author	Carolyn Haywood
Outstanding Contributor	Doris Rosenberger

April 10-12, 1980

Seven Springs Mountain Resort

Theme - Every School A Good School

Keynote Speaker	Robert Scanlon
Banquet Speaker	Robert Cormier
Luncheon Speaker	Ed Emberley

Awards

Outstanding Author	Walter Farley
Outstanding Contributor	Gwendolyn Brown
School LMC Program	Abington

April 25-28, 1981

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme - Together We Can Make It Happen

Keynote Speaker	Dr. Fenwick English
Banquet Speaker	Betty Martin & Ben Carson
Luncheon Speaker	Lee Bennett Hopkins



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Awards

Outstanding Author

Harriet May Savitz

Outstanding Contributor

Sara R. Mack

April 22-24, 1982

Philadelphia Marriott

Theme - Looking Back-Moving Ahead

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Zacharie J. Clements

Banquet Speaker

Sue Ellen Bridgers

Luncheon Speaker

Stan & Jan Berenstain

Awards

Outstanding Author

James Michener

Outstanding Contributor

Joan Diana

School LMC Program

Centennial

May 5-7, 1983

Seven Springs Mountain Resort

Theme - Challenge and Change

Keynote Speaker

Carol C. Lewis

Banquet Speaker

Richard Peck

Luncheon Speaker

Jose Aruego

Awards

Outstanding Author

Robin Brancato

Outstanding Contributor

Jack Luskay

April 26-28, 1984

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme - Invest in the Future: Teach a Child

Keynote Speaker

Dorothy DeBolt

Banquet Speaker

Katherine Paterson

Luncheon Speaker

Steve Kellog

Awards

Outstanding Author

Muriel Feelings

Outstanding Contributor

Minda M. Sanders

April 11-13, 1985

Lancaster Host Farm

Theme - Kaleidoscope: Changing Images

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Emeral Crosby

Banquet Speaker

Norma Fox Mazer

Luncheon Speaker

Eric Carle

Awards

Outstanding Author

Barbara Robinson

Outstanding Contributor

Dr. Charles Walker

School LMC Program

Peters Township

April 17-19, 1986

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme - Reflections

Keynote Speaker

Jonathan Kozol

Banquet Speaker

Jean Craighead George

Luncheon Speaker

Tomie De Paola

Awards

Outstanding Author

Barbara Brenner

Outstanding Contributor

Marion Saul

School LMC Program

Mt. Lebanon

Special

Marvin Miller

April 9-11, 1987

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme - Connections

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Dov Peretz Elkins

Banquet Speaker

Gary Paulsen

Luncheon Speaker

Marc Brown

Awards

Author

Lucille Wallower

Contributor

Shirley Pittman

April 14-16, 1988

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Theme - Celebrations!

Keynote Speaker

Jack Taub

Banquet Speaker

Norma Klein

Luncheon Speaker

Donald Crews

Awards



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Outstanding Author
Fred Rogers

Outstanding Contributor
Doris Epler

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Seven Springs Mountain Resort

Theme - Partnerships

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Hancock McCarty

Banquet Speaker
E.L. Konigsburg

Luncheon Speaker
Trina Schart Hyman

Awards

Outstanding Author
Marc Brown

Outstanding Contributor
Sue Walker

School LMC Program
Elizabethtown

April 26-28, 1990

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center

Theme - Challenges for the 90's

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Julia Thomason

Banquet Speaker
Lois Duncan

Luncheon Speaker
Alik

Awards

Outstanding Author
Carolyn Meyer

Outstanding Contributor
Dorothy Lawley

April 18-20, 1991

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center

Theme - Be A Star

Keynote Speaker
Kaycee Hale

Banquet Speaker
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Luncheon Speaker
Gail Gibbons

Awards

Outstanding Author
Alik

Outstanding Contributor
Celeste D. Nalwasky

April 30-May 2, 1992

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center

Theme - Restructuring: Opportunities for Excellence

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Beverly Kobrin

Banquet Speaker
Joan Lowry Nixon

Luncheon Speaker
Jim Aronsky

Awards

Outstanding Author
Jerry Spinelli

Outstanding Contributor
Gerald Cumer

School LMC Program
State College

April 29-May 1, 1993

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center

Theme - Collaboration

Keynote Speaker
Joni Bodart

Banquet Speaker
Hadley Irwin

Luncheon Speaker
Leonard Everette Fisher

Awards

Outstanding Author
Paula Danziger

Outstanding Contributor
Blanche Woolls

School LMC Program
Council Rock

April 28-April 30, 1994

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center

Theme - Building Bridges: Tradition, Transition, Transformation

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Albert Mamary

Banquet Speaker
Lois Lowry

Luncheon Speaker
Deborah Norse Lattimore

Awards

Outstanding Author
Lois Lowry

Outstanding Contributor
Jim Fogarty

April 27-April 30, 1995

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center

Theme - Books and Beyond

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Caroline Feller Bauer

Banquet Speaker
Russell Freedman

Luncheon Speaker
Thomas Locker

Awards

Outstanding Author
Robin Moore

Outstanding Contributor
Margaret Tassia

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School LMC Program
Upper St. Clair

Outstanding Contributor Sally Myers

May 4-6, 2000

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center

Theme - Kids Kount

Keynote Speaker Dr. Andrew Clements

Banquet Speaker Robert Newton Peck

Luncheon Patricia Polacco

Awards

Outstanding Author Jerry Pinkney

Outstanding Contributor John Emerick

School LMC Program Garnet Valley

April 26-28, 2001

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center

Theme - Take the Spotlight

Keynote Speaker Dr. Gary Hartzell

Banquet Speaker Will Hobbs

Luncheon Speaker Paul Zelinksy

Awards

Outstanding Author Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Outstanding Contributor Debra Kachel

Individual School John A. Pidgeon Library,
Kiski School

April 18-20, 2002

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center

Theme - Navigating the Future@Your Library

Keynote Speaker Dr. Jamie McKenzie

Banquet Speaker Simms Taback

Luncheon Speaker Joan Bauer

Awards

Outstanding Author Elizabeth Howard

Outstanding Contributor Becky Frost

April 24-26, 2003

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center

Theme - Shaping the Future

Keynote Speaker Doug Johnston

April 25- April 27, 1996

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center

Theme - Media Magic

Keynote Speaker Frank Charles Winstead

Banquet Speaker Tom Feelings

Luncheon Speaker Robert San Souci

April 17-19, 1997

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center

Theme - Paradigms Found

Keynote Speaker Ken Haycock

Banquet Speaker Jerry Pinkney

Luncheon Speaker Chris Crutcher

Awards

Outstanding Author Nancy Springer

Outstanding Contributor Dr. Jacqueline Mancall

April 30-May 2, 1998

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center

Theme - Mission Possible

Keynote Speaker Dr. Carol Kuhlthau

Banquet Speaker Johanna Hurwitz

Luncheon Speaker David Wisniewski

Awards

Outstanding Author Lois Duncan

Outstanding Contributor Diana Murphy

April 22-24, 1999

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Theme - The Power of Information

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michael Eisenberg

Banquet Speaker Cynthia Voigt

Luncheon Speaker Robert Bender

Awards

Outstanding Author Judith Gorog



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	Banquet Speaker
	T.A. Barron
Luncheon Speaker	Brad Bagert
Awards	
Outstanding Author	Megan Lloyd
Outstanding Contributor	Cynthia Keller
Individual School	Strath Haven High School

April 29 - May 1, 2004

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme - Global Connections with a Local Touch

Keynote Speaker	Dr. Harry Wong
Breakfast Speaker	Peter Catalanotto
Banquet Speaker	Pam Munoz Ryan
Luncheon Speaker	Esme Raji Codell

Awards	
Outstanding Contributor	Dr. Larry Nesbit
Outstanding Author	Peter Catalanotto
Individual School	Springton Lake MS

April 28 - 30, 2005

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme - Powering Up!

Keynote Speaker	Dr. Kathy Hirsch-Pasek
Breakfast Speaker	Laurie Myers
Banquet Speaker	Judith Kristen
Luncheon Speaker	Chris Soentpiet

Awards	
Outstanding Author	E. B. Lewis
Outstanding Contributor	Janice Dysart
Individual School	Springfield Township HS

May 4 - 6, 2006

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme - Get on Board the Leadership Express

Keynote Speaker	Stephen Krashen
Banquet Speaker	Bruce Coville
Luncheon Speaker	Laurie Halse Anderson

Awards	
Outstanding Author	John Manders
Outstanding Contributor	Eileen Kern
Individual School	Garnet Valley High School
School Library Program	West Chester SD
Poetry	Joyce Sidman
Professional Development	Terry Morriston

April 12 - 14, 2007

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme - The Future is in Your Hands @ Your Library

Keynote Speaker	Jim Trelease
Banquet Speaker	Gordon Korman
Luncheon Speaker	Chris Raschka

Awards	
Outstanding Author	Richard Ammon
Outstanding Contributor	Dr. Mary Kay Biagini
School Library Program	Ephrata School District

May 1 - 3, 2008

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme - Score!!! With Information Literacy and Reading @ Your Library

Keynote Speaker	Allison Zmuda
Banquet Speaker	Ridley Pearson
Luncheon Speaker	Kadir Nelson
Official Attendance	1007

Awards	
Outstanding Illustrator	Laurie Ann Klein
Outstanding Contributor	Joseph A. Marrone, Ph. D
Poetry	Carole Boston Weatherford
Individual School	Maureen M. Welsh School

April 30 - May 2, 2009

Penn State Conference Center, State College, PA

Theme - Evidence Found! @ your Library

Keynote Speaker	Dr. Ross Todd
Banquet Speaker	Adam Rex



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Luncheon Speaker
Rick Riordan

Official Attendance 642

Awards

Outstanding Author	Katherine Ayres
Outstanding Contributor	Joyce Kasman Valenza
Individual School	Bower Hill Elementary
Special Recognition	Keith McCall

April 15 - 17, 2010

Place Penn Stater Conference Center, State College

Theme Make Your Mark @your library

Keynote Speaker Stephanie Vance, the Advocacy Guru

Banquet Speaker Robin Wasserman

Luncheon Speaker Laura Amy Schlitz

Awards

Outstanding Author	Gary R. Phillips
Outstanding Contributor	Geneva Reeder
School Library Program	Peters Township SD
Individual School Library	Hempfield High School

April 28 - 30, 2011

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme - Renew, Retool, Refresh @ Your Library

Keynote Speaker Billy Staples

Banquet Speaker Brian Pinkney

Luncheon Speaker Suzanne Fisher Staples

Awards

Outstanding Contributor	Connie Burlingame
Outstanding Author	Floyd Cooper
Individual School Library	Palisades High School

April 12 - 14, 2012

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme - Librarians: Indispensable Guides

Keynote Speaker Pam Berger

Banquet Speaker Jim Murphy

Awards

Outstanding Contributor	Margaret Foster
Outstanding Author	Tonya Hurley
School Library Program	North Allegheny SD
Individual School Library	Mount Nittany MS

May 2 - 4, 2013

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Academic Achievement: School Librarians are Key

Keynote Judi Moreillion

Author Keynote Matt Phelan

Awards

Outstanding Contributor	Constance Roupp
Outstanding Author	Lindsey Barrett George
School Library Program	Southern York County SD
Individual School Library	Conestoga Valley HS
Administrator (District)	Chris Bigger
Administrator (Building)	Daniel Greenland

May 1 - 3, 2014

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme - School Libraries: Common Core of Learning

Keynote Speaker Dr. Marc Anderson

Author Keynote Eliot Schrefer

Awards

Outstanding Contributor	Robert McConnell
Outstanding Author	Lee Bennett Hopkins
School Library Program	Council Rock SD
Individual School Library	McKinley Elementary
Administrator (District)	Dr. Randy Ziegenfuss
Administrator (Building)	Nancy Doherty

April 30 - May 2, 2015

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme - School Libraries: Sparking Learning Connections

Keynote Speaker Will Richardson

Author Keynote Walter Wick

Awards

Outstanding Contributor	Eloise Long
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Outstanding Author
A. S. King

Individual School Library Conrad Weiser HS
Administrator (District) Judy Mihok

May 12 - 14, 2016

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme - Extending Our Reach

Keynote Speaker Richard Byrne
Author Keynote Jacqueline Davies

Awards

Outstanding Contributor Candace Blessing
Outstanding Author David Wiesner
School Library Program Wilson School District
Individual School Library New-Hope Solebury HS
Administrator (District) Maureen McQuiggan
Administrator (Building) Nathan Davidson

March 30 - April 1, 2017

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme - Creating a Culture of Curiosity

Keynote Speaker Gene Ambaum
Author Keynote Maureen Johnson

Awards

Special Award: Legislator Representative Stan Saylor
Outstanding Author Jennifer L. Holm
School Library Program Hempfield School District
Individual School Library The Baldwin School
Administrator (District) Dr. Sandra Lemmon

May 3 - 5, 2018

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme - Limitless Learning

Keynote Speaker Gwyneth Jones
Author Keynote Greg Pizzoli

Awards

Distinguished Service Nancy Latanision
PSLA Presidential Award Rep. Mark Longietti

Outstanding Author

Jordan Sonnenblick

March 28 - 30, 2019

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme - Diversity by Design

Keynote Speaker Matt de la Peña
Author Keynote Jonathan Schumacher

Awards

Presidential Award Senator John P. Blake
Outstanding Author Jewell Parker Rhodes
Innovators Award Jane Farrell

April 30 – May 2, 2020

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

CANCELED due to the COVID19 Pandemic

April 15-17, 2021

Held Virtually on Whova

Theme - Discover Your Superpower

Keynote Speaker Marc Tyler Nobleman
Author Keynote Erin Entrada Kelly

Awards

Distinguished Service Allison Mackley
PA School Innovators Sarah DeMaria
Kim Mento

April 21-23, 2022

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

Theme-Beyond the Stacks

Keynote Speaker Joyce Valenza
Author Keynote A.S. King

Awards

PSLA Presidential Award Corri Hines
Outstanding Author Jonathan Stutzman
PA School Innovators Emily Calaman



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March 30-April 1, 2023

Hilton Harrisburg

Theme - Breaking Boundaries Creating Communities

Keynote Speaker

Cicely Lewis

Author Keynote

Alex Gino

Awards