



2025 Alabama Library Expo Program Agenda

Note:

There is no cost to attend Alabama Library Expo. Your registration fee is covered by Alabama Library Expo vendors. You also receive 6 hours credit toward your in-service requirements.

7:45 – 10:30	Exhibits, Registration, & Refreshments
10:30 – 11:00	General Session & Awards
11:00 – 12:00	First Session
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 1:45	Second Session

Presenters' Schedule

Presenters and schedule at each location:

A – Cedric Threatt

B – Irene Latham

**Mobile
Montgomery
Moody
Decatur**

**B - 11:00-12:00, A - 1:00-1:45
A - 11:00-12:00, B - 1:00-1:45
B - 11:00-12:00, A - 1:00-1:45
A - 11:00-12:00, B - 1:00-1:45**

Presenters' Bios

A. Ahava Publishing, LLC specializes in books by author, consultant, and speaker, **Cedric "the Edu-trainer" Threatt**. For almost two decades, Cedric has been presenting at schools and conferences throughout the Southeast United States.

Cedric's Session: – The IMPACT of Being an IMPACT

Cedric is on a relentless mission to encourage and increase teacher retention through inspiration, motivation and a whole lotta love. His goal is to help teachers rediscover their "WHY" and realize that none of us would be where we are or who we are today without them. When teachers feel supported and appreciated, we all win. Teachers' well-being leads to students' well-being, which in turn leads to a healthy school, community, and society. See how a little appreciation can go a long way and not just help you make an IMPACT, but to BE an I.M.P.A.C.T.

You can learn more about Cedric at <https://cedricthreatt.com/>, or on social media connect with him on Facebook: [@clthreatt](#) or Instagram: [@cl3tt](#).



B. Irene Latham is an Alabama poet and author of more than twenty books, include the co-authored *African Town*, winner of the Scott O'Dell Award; *Can I Touch Your Hair? Poems of Race, Mistakes and Friendship*, a Charlotte Huck Honor book; and *The Cat Man of Aleppo*, awarded a Caldecott Honor. Her latest adventure is curating poetry anthologies with her "Poetic Forever Friend" Charles Waters, including *The Mistakes That Made Us* (an NCTE Notable Poetry Book), *If I could Choose a Best Day*, and the forthcoming *For the Win*.



Irene's Session: Celebrate Alabama with "Backyard History" books

From *To Kill a Mockingbird* to *Forrest Gump*, Alabama is known for its rich, engaging stories populated by colorful characters. In this presentation, award-winning author Irene Latham will feature her books that portray Alabama "Backyard History" stories, including *African Town*, co-authored by Charles Waters and based on the true story of the survivors of America's last slave ship Clotilda; *Leaving Gee's Bend* (2010), set in 1932 Gee's Bend, Alabama where the now-internationally famous quilting tradition was already in full swing; *Meet Miss Fancy*, about Birmingham's most celebrated elephant resident; and *Don't Feed the Boy* (2012), a fictional tale about a boy who is trying to escape a zoo--modeled after the Birmingham Zoo--where he lives with his parents.

You can learn more about Irene Latham and read hundreds of Irene's poems for free at irenelatham.com, or on her [blogspot](#) or on her YouTube Channel: [@IreneLatham](#).