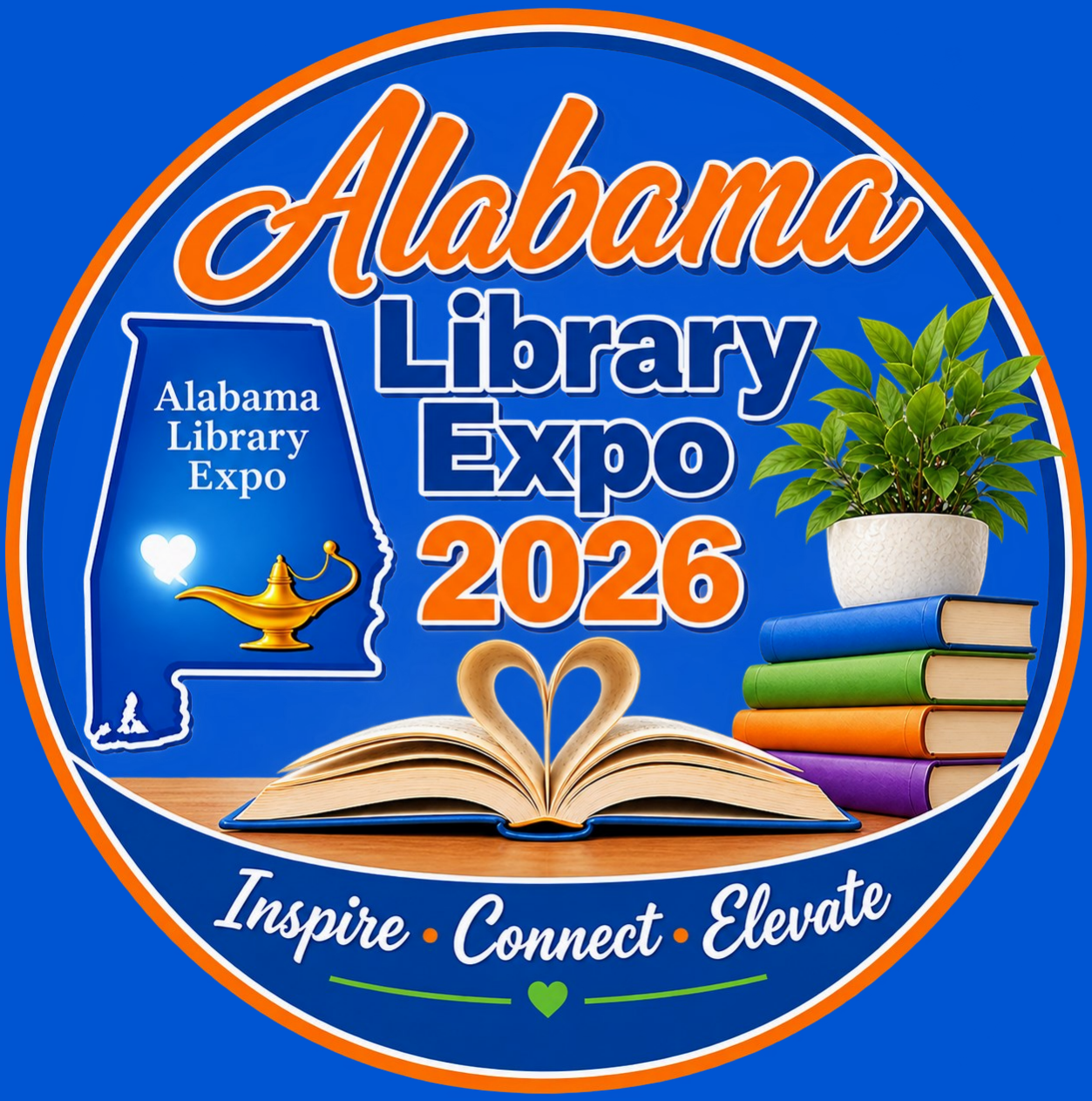

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Tuesday, October 13th
The Grounds Mobile

Wednesday, October 14th
Central Alabama Community College Prattville Campus

Thursday, October 15th
Vestavia Hills Civic Center

Friday, October 16th
Cook Museum of Natural Science Decatur

2026 ALE Program Agenda

8:30 AM—11:00 AM	Exhibits, Registration, Refreshments
11:00 AM—11:30 AM	General Session and Awards
11:30 AM—12:30 PM	First Session
12:30 PM –1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM—2:15 PM	Second Session

Featured Presenters & Schedule At Each Location:

A—Kimberly Gallo

B—Timothy Alexander

Location	First Session	Second Session
MOBILE	A—11:30-12:30	B—1:30-2:15
PRATTVILLE	B—11:30-12:30	A—1:30-2:15
VESTAVIA HILLS	B—11:30-12:30	A—1:30-2:15
DECATUR	A—11:30-12:30	B—1:30-2:15

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Participants will discover how libraries can become refuges, launching pads, and places where possibility begins. TA shares practical ways to spark curiosity, cultivate belonging, and create environments where every child feels seen, supported, and capable.

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