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ALABAMA LIBRARIES: CELEBRATING AND SERVING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

APRIL 27, 2023

PROGRAM & SPEAKER DETAILS

- 9 AM** Keynote: Ashley Jones, the youngest individual and first person of color to be named Poet Laureate of Alabama, will kick off our day by celebrating the power of diverse perspectives in libraries and life.
- 10 AM** Tribal Libraries are for Everyone with Deidra Dees and Ms. Leasha Martin, sponsored by the Multicultural Information Roundtable
- 11 AM** DEI Initiatives in Academic Libraries and Spaces Roundtable Discussion with Michael S. Fitts, Charlcie Pettway Vann, Miriam Sweeney, and Paul Blackmon sponsored by College, University and Special Libraries and the Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries
- 12:00 PM Break for Lunch**
- 1 PM** Our Stories Matter Too!: Defending Diverse Youth Books in Your Library with Jamie Naidoo and Cristina Castor
- 2 PM** Government Documents in the Time of the Civil Rights Movement with Tim Dodge, sponsored by GODORT
- 3 PM** Alabama State University's Role in Civil Rights History and the Efforts of the Library and University to Preserve the History with Dr. Janice Franklin, Dr. Howard Robinson, and Raegan Stearns
- 4 PM** "Don't Say Gay" in Alabama: A Taxonomic Framework of LGBTQ+ Information Support Services in Public Libraries with Bharat Mehra and Baheya S. Jaber

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