



YALLFEST PANELS

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

MG Middle Grade

YA Young Adult

IND Publishing Industry

MUSIC HALL Charleston Music Hall, 37 John St.

BALLROOM American Theater Ballroom, 446 King St.

MUSEUM Charleston Museum, 360 Meeting St.

CINEMA American Theater Cinema, 446 King St.

All panels are free unless noted as a ticketed event. Tickets can be purchased at yallfest.citypapertickets.com. Seating is general admission. First-come, first-served.

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9 AM | NOVL Coffee Giveaway

Presented by NOVL

MUSIC HALL

Guest baristas (also known as NOVL authors) hand out coffee and cider from Kudu Coffee before the Opening Keynote. — **FREE**

10 AM | Opening Keynote: From Goosebumps to Vamp Hunts – R.L. Stine & Richelle Mead

Presented by Penguin Teen

MUSIC HALL | MG/YA

Moderator Kami Garcia

Spine-tingling Stine meets pulse-pounding Mead in a supernatural all-star mash up.

Ticketed event \$7 – SOLD OUT

11 AM | Harry Potter is Lyfe

MUSIC HALL | MG/YA

Moderator Veronica Roth with Maya Van Wagenen, Sabaa Tahir, Melissa de la Cruz, Leigh Bardugo, & Brandon Mull

Celebrate our shared love of the Book That Cannot Be Not Named. Come in cosplay & show your own House love! — **FREE**

11 AM | Creativity & Jealousy & Fear & Success

BALLROOM | YA

Moderator Gayle Forman with Marie Lu, Libba Bray, Margaret Stohl, Daniel Handler, & Scott Westerfeld

Examine the emotional rollercoaster that is being a published author. — **FREE**

11 AM | Real Talk About Writing

MUSEUM | IND

Moderator Rachel Caine with David Levithan, Jane Yolen, Victoria Aveyard, Natalie Standiford, & G. Neri

Listen in as writers talk shop and trade practical advice regarding procrastination, caffeination, and not wearing pants to work. — **FREE**

11 AM | The Dead, The Undead, & The Dying

CINEMA | YA

Moderator E. Lockhart, Julie Kagawa, Ellen Hopkins, Mari Mancusi, Zac Brewer, & Michelle Falkoff

Whether in contemporary novels or prose poems or fantastical genre fiction, how & why & when do we talk about death? — **FREE**

12 PM | Middle Grade Storyball

Presented by CreateSpace / Kindle Direct Publishing

MUSIC HALL | MG

Moderator Pseudonymous Bosch with Alexander London, Soman Chainani, Melissa de la Cruz, Jane Yolen, Daniel Handler, Curtis Jobling, Brandon Mull, Barnabas Miller, Carrie Ryan, J.E. Thompson, and Natalie Standiford

A dozen of your favorite Middle Grade writers join you in a hilariously interactive (& audience driven!) story-making event that CreateSpace will turn into a published book. Will it be *Cheesepocalypse 2* or something altogether new? — **FREE**

12 PM | Moat by Moat: World-Building in Historical Fiction

BALLROOM | YA

Moderator Libba Bray with Gail Carriger, Elizabeth Wein, Ryan Gaudin, Rae Carson, & Carole Weatherford

Bestselling & award-winning authors talk building narrative worlds from forgotten historical eras. — **FREE**

12 PM | State of the Internet: What's Going On(online)?

MUSEUM | YA

Moderator Daniel Ehrenhaft with Adri Cowan of Marvel, Patrick Dolan of IAB, Margot Wood of Epic Reads, & Rachel Cone-Graham of Penguin Teen

What's the latest & greatest? When Viners are starring on DWTS & YouTubers are making \$30 million a year, you had better find out...! — **FREE**

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12 PM | YA Gender Studies 101

CINEMA | YA

Moderator David Levithan with Danielle Paige, Zac Brewer, Aaron Hartzler, Gayle Forman, & Seth Fishman

As concepts of gender and sexuality change, how do — or when will — the stories we tell change to accommodate them, & why does it matter? — **FREE**

1 PM | MG Spotlight Conversation: Meg Cabot in Conversation with Melissa de la Cruz, “Beyond Princesses & Fairytales.”

MUSIC HALL | MG

Presented by Macmillan Fierce Reads

Two blockbuster bestsellers trade stories about their lives beyond the tiara. — **Ticketed event \$7**
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1 PM | Author Responsibility: On & Off the Page

BALLROOM | MG/YA

Moderator Carolyn Mackler with Carole Weatherford, Kody Keplinger, G. Neri, Ellen Hopkins, & Meg Medina

Are there certain stories that only certain authors can tell? Are there stories that certain authors are obligated to tell? Who gets to decide? — **FREE**

1 PM | That Time I Sucked

MUSEUM | MG/YA

Moderator Brendan Reichs with Brandon Mull, Ann Brashares, Kiera Cass, Curtis Jobling, & Renee Ahdieh

Authors are only human. Sometimes sub-human. Embrace the suck and prepare yourself for stories from the trenches. — **FREE**

1 PM | Brave New Worlds

CINEMA | MG/YA

Moderator Alexandra Bracken with Richelle Mead, Gail Carriger, E.K. Johnston, & Meagan Spooner

Not all YA worlds are the same; come meet authors who specialize in worlds unseen & unknown. — **FREE**

2 PM | Jedis vs. Superheroes

MUSIC HALL | MG/YA

Moderator Adri Cowan with Margaret Stohl, Gwenda Bond, Brandon Sanderson, Alexandra Bracken, & Adam Gidwitz

We have Black Widow, Lois Lane, & Steelheart on the one side. Princess Leia & Yoda on the other. Our judge is from Marvel, but the force is strong with her. Come join the debate. — **FREE**

2 PM | Once Upon A(nother) Time: Fairytale Reboots

BALLROOM | MG/YA

Moderator Danielle Paige with E.K. Johnston, Marissa Meyer, E. Lockhart, Soman Chainani, and Renee Ahdieh

Dorothy kicks butt & Cinderella blasts off. Let's talk reboots with the authors who know happily ever after is just the prequel. — **FREE**

2 PM | Contemporary Book Club

MUSEUM | YA

Moderator Aaron Hartzler with Nicola Yoon, Susane Colasanti, Carolyn Mackler, Katie McGarry, & J.E. Thompson

Contemporary authors talk about the books that matter to them as readers and writers. — **FREE**

2 PM | Fur, Fangs, & Scales: Creating Creatures

CINEMA | MG/YA

Moderator Pseudonymous Bosch with Carrie Ryan, Mercedes Lackey, Curtis Jobling, Alexander London, & Mari Mancusi

Don't be so human-centric. Your protagonist might have fur and your nemesis might have scales. How will that change your story? — **FREE**

3 PM | From Dothraki to Drones: Sci-Fi Fantasy Mashup

MUSIC HALL | MG/YA

Moderator Marie Lu with Richelle Mead, Brandon Sanderson, Brendan Reichs, Scott Westerfeld, & Mindy McGinnis

Some of the biggest names in Sci-Fi and Fantasy face off over the payoffs and challenges of both. — **FREE**

3 PM | My Chemical Romance: When Love Feels Crazy

BALLROOM | YA

Moderator Ann Brashares with Kiera Cass, Kami Garcia, Nicola Yoon, Julie Kagawa, & Katie McGarry

That fluttering in your chest — is it a newfound love or a nervous breakdown? When — and when not — is a bad crush bad news? — **FREE**

3 PM | Space, The Final YA Frontier

MUSEUM | YA

Moderator Veronica Roth with Meagan Spooner, Marissa Meyer, Adam Gidwitz, Rick Yancey, & Mercedes Lackey

From apocalyptic futures & alien invasions to Star Wars & the Solar System, let's explore the deep space of YA. — **FREE**

3 PM | Show Some Emotion

CINEMA | YA

Moderator Sabaa Tahir with Victoria Aveyard, Rachel Caine, Meg Medina, Susane Colasanti, & Michelle Falkoff

These authors aren't afraid to write it big — here's how and why.— **FREE**

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4 PM | YALLFest goes to Hollywood

MUSIC HALL | MG/YA

Moderator Carrie Ryan with Kody Keplinger, Bella Thorne, R.L. Stine, Rick Yancey, & Daniel Handler

Join authors R.L. Stine, Daniel Handler, Kody Keplinger, actress/writer Bella Thorne, and Rick Yancey as they discuss page to screen adaptations of *Goosebumps*, *Lemony Snicket*, *The Duff*, & *The Fifth Wave*. — **FREE**

4 PM | Bad Writing, Good Writers: Our Early Work

BALLROOM | MG/YA

Moderator Leigh Bardugo with Pseudonymous Bosch, Meg Cabot, Jane Yolen, Alexander London, & Soman Chainani

We all had to start somewhere & where these authors started was hilarious. Come listen & laugh as they read their worst early work. — **FREE**

4 PM | Strong Female Characters, Ugh!

MUSEUM | MG/YA

Moderator Rae Carson with Ryan Graudin, Gwenda Bond, Mindy McGinnis, Elizabeth Wein, & Maya Van Wagenen

Let's talk about the state of our YA girls, or, why we still have to have this panel. — **FREE**

4 PM | My Big Break Q&A: Industry Insiders

CINEMA | IND

Moderator Sarah Burnes with Jo Volpe, Emily Meehan, Barry Goldblatt, Seth Fishman, & Erin Stein

Agents & Editors talk shop — how are you going to get published, and how aren't you? — **FREE**

5 PM | Closing Keynote: Brandon to Brandon — Brandon Mull & Brandon Sanderson Live & Unplugged

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Join these two popular authors of YA and MG fantasy as they hit the stage together for their first-ever YALLFest appearance.

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6 PM | YA Smackdown — Featuring Tiger Beat

Sponsored by Disney Hyperion

MUSIC HALL | MG/YA

Join hosts Brendan Reichs and Veronica Roth — along with many of our 72 authors — all acting like fools, as well as our beloved musical guest TIGER BEAT (Libba Bray, Barney Miller, Natalie Standiford, & Daniel Ehrenhaft) as they close out YALLFest 2015. —**Ticketed event \$7 — SOLD OUT**

