

# What's NEW in YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE and How to Use It In Your Program (Grades 6-12) — 2023 —



A Unique One-Day In-Person Seminar or Live Online Seminar  
Presented by

**Karen Scott**

Outstanding Librarian and Presenter

**Specifically Designed for Secondary Teachers,  
School Librarians and Public Librarians**

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A comprehensive overview of **the best, new books for young adults** published in the past year

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**Practical, ready-to-use ideas** for selecting and utilizing the best, new young adult literature across your curriculum

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**Learn about new nonfiction titles** that support your state standards for using informational text with students

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**An extensive young adult literature digital resource handbook** filled with annotated booklists, ready-to-use ideas, themes, activities, and more valuable and practical ideas

#### **CAN'T ATTEND?**

Order the recorded version and take the seminar online at your convenience (see page 6)

#### **Arizona**

Phoenix – January 13

#### **Maine**

Portland (South Portland) – December 5

#### **New Hampshire**

Manchester (Bedford) – December 6

#### **New York**

Albany (Troy) – December 8

Rochester (West Henrietta) – December 9

#### **Texas**

Dallas – January 11

El Paso – January 12

Houston – January 9

San Antonio – January 10

#### **Vermont**

Burlington – December 7

#### **LIVE ONLINE SEMINAR**

**December 13**

**9 AM Eastern, 8 AM Central,  
7 AM Mountain, 6 AM Pacific**

CEUs and Graduate Credit Available  
See page 6 for details

# Ten Key Benefits of Attending

*"I loved Karen's descriptions of the books and her tech suggestions. She gave us a ton of practical and useful information."*

—RENEA RYAN,  
READING SPECIALIST



## Who Should Attend

Specifically designed for Secondary Teachers, School Librarians and Public Librarians

- 1. Preview the Best, New Young Adult Books**  
Thousands of new books for young adults are published annually ... Learn about the BEST of the most recently published young adult books and which upcoming books you should be on the lookout for
- 2. Incorporate the Best, New Books into Your Classroom or Library Curriculum**  
Learn innovative strategies for utilizing the best, new books for young adults to enhance content instruction as well as your library program
- 3. Discover the Best Realistic Fiction Novels for Teens**  
One of the fastest growing genres in young adult literature is realistic fiction ... Hear about popular new titles and receive a listing of topics covered to share with students
- 4. Engage "Unimpressed" Teen Readers with Fast-Paced Titles**  
Find out which new titles will captivate the interest of your reluctant teen readers
- 5. Web 2.0 ... Connecting Books and Technology**  
Get students reading by using Web 2.0 tools such as podcasts to introduce the best young adult books to your classes ... Discover practical ways to use QR codes to promote titles; Discover ways to use Instagram and Twitter to promote new books with your students
- 6. Utilize Graphic Novels and Audiobooks to Improve Students' Comprehension**  
Motivate readers of all abilities to improve their reading skills and comprehension with a list of newly published graphic novels and audiobooks that best support your state standards and can be used to encourage reading in classrooms
- 7. Encourage All Students to Read Diverse Books**  
Learn about new titles of diverse books to motivate and encourage readers to broaden their world perspectives in our global society
- 8. New Ideas for Getting Teens to Talk About Books**  
Research shows teens are influenced by peer book recommendations ... Get fresh ideas to encourage students to talk about books with each other, in classrooms and on social media
- 9. Discover Current Trends in Young Adult Literature**  
Find out what is happening in the teen publishing world and how you can connect with top-notch online resources and the hot topics authors are writing about
- 10. Receive a Valuable Young Adult Literature Digital Resource Handbook**  
Each seminar participant will receive a digital resource handbook filled with extensive alphabetized and a genre-oriented bibliography and ready-to-use activities and resources you can immediately apply

# Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

## What You Will Learn ...

- **The best, NEW literature** to use with teens and to recommend to teens
- **Practical ideas, tips, and suggestions** for incorporating relevant teen books across all content areas for grades 6-12 learning environments
- **New titles by authors** who have proven their popularity with teens ... Gain ideas to tie these titles to the curriculum
- **How to find “appropriate age-level books” for your students** ... Get a list of the 2023 “appropriate age-level books” and learn the web resources that will help identify possible issues in specific teen titles
- **What’s new** in a variety of genres
- **Debut authors** teens don’t want to miss
- **Excellent novels to use in teaching young adults** in the classroom or library
- **Practical lesson ideas** that work with almost any book
- **Best online resources** for keeping current with young adult titles and ways you can get access to not yet published books
- **Extensive lists and annotated bibliographies** of authors and titles in a variety of genres
- **Non-fiction titles** that support state standards for informational text
- **Innovative strategies** and ideas for outstanding book talks by adults and teens
- **The best new books** to motivate “unimpressed” teen readers
- **The best new realistic fiction** titles to share with teens
- **How to get the most for your money** when purchasing young adult books
- **The diverse titles you need** to have on your shelf



*“Karen is a middle school and high school librarian’s best friend!  
So much good information on new YA lit. She has a wealth of knowledge.”*

– KATY FERRY, MEDIA SPECIALIST

## Practical Ideas and Strategies

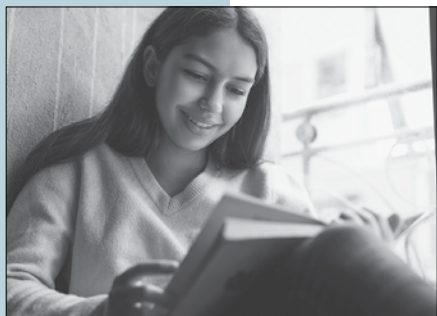
In this outstanding seminar, **Karen Scott** will share the best, **NEW** books for young adults, all of which have just recently been published. Karen will go beyond familiarizing you with the best of the newly published titles to share practical strategies for using these outstanding books in your classroom or library.

This fast-paced day will be filled with great, new books, innovative and creative ideas, enthusiasm, exciting curriculum connections, and news about authors that are all too good for young adults to miss.

**All participants will leave with extensive annotated bibliographies in a comprehensive digital resource handbook full of outstanding ideas that you can immediately put to use to motivate and inspire your young adult readers.**



# A Message From Seminar Leader, Karen Scott



## Uniquely Qualified Instructor

**Karen Scott** is an award-winning school librarian and is a frequent presenter at local, state, and national conferences. She is a past member of the 2020 Newbery Committee. She is an active member of the American Association of School Librarians and currently serves on AASL's Best Digital Tools committee. She also has previously served on YALSA's ALEX committee. She is an instructor of Young Adult Literature at the university level. Karen is a highly experienced secondary librarian, is considered an expert in the field by her peers and has been her school's Teacher of the Year. She has worked extensively with the library media standards of National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She is a book reviewer for Library Media Connection and has reviewed for *School Library Journal*. She has also served on the United States for Best Books for Youth's committee for Outstanding Books for Teens, and on the selection committee for *Wilson's Children's Catalog*.

Dear Colleague:

I'll admit it: I am, always have been, and always will be a reader. I was one who stood in line at a bookstore at midnight to buy the next book in the series. This passion for reading and books fueled my career choice as a school librarian. I spend much of my day talking about books with students and teachers and recommending which books to read and teach next.

Like you, I understand the importance of reading. We all know readers are much more successful in school and on standardized achievement tests. More importantly, readers can see themselves in the situations and in the characters of books. Books allow readers to experience both a window and a mirror into their worlds.

Publishers produce an enormous and often overwhelming number of books each year. I know how challenging it can be to keep up with all those titles and that's why I'm here to help. I read extensively in all genres and will share with you the best books in those genres.

We will also discuss ways to use the best books with classrooms and students. We will combine reading with the best websites and apps you can use to engage all of your readers and learners. Building a culture of reading occurs when we are passionate about reading and can engage students with current and relevant titles. Our ultimate goal is to hook students on reading and my belief is it can happen with just the right book. I will share a diverse list of books to encourage reading and help you put just the right book in the hands of your students.

I cannot wait to spend the day with you sharing fabulous new titles already published and books you should be looking forward to. This day is about readers and doing what we love – exploring amazing books!

Sincerely,

Karen Scott

P.S. Come prepared for a **fast-paced, fun-filled day surrounded by the best new books!**

*"I will share a diverse list of books to encourage reading and help you put just the right book in the hands of your students."*

# What Your Colleagues Say About Karen Scott

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*"Karen Scott **has a great wealth of knowledge**. Her knowledge of new releases is amazing."*

– Honey Beth Kropp, ELA Teacher

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*"This is the eighth year I've attended this seminar and it never disappoints – this year was no different. **Karen knows her books** and makes her participants run home and read!"*

– Amy Christman, Librarian

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*"Karen is **amazing!** She kept us riveted and inspired throughout the entire seminar. It was worth braving a snowstorm!"*

– Susie Yeager, Reading Specialist

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*"**Karen is incredible.** A wealth of knowledge. I want to go back to my school and do so much."*

– Matt Pecic, Librarian

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*"Karen is **wonderful!** I learned so much about books to take back to my students and my classroom library."*

– Jackie Kazior, English Teacher



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*"Karen Scott is a **true pleasure to listen to**. She shared many insightful, helpful tips about teaching and novels for today's society."*

– Jessica Downer, Teacher

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*"Karen Scott is **awesome!**"*

– Lenore Catalano, Media Specialist

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*"Karen gives a **great overview of YA books** and helpful tech tips."*

– Jen Lemke, Media Specialist

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*"Karen is **very informative**. Lots of great information! So many technology and app resources – really helpful."*

– Jen Wesley, Teacher

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*"Karen is **very knowledgeable**. The content of genres and overviews are very helpful in deciding what is appropriate for my struggling high school readers."*

– Helga Brannick, Teacher

# Special Benefits of Attending



"Karen is very informative. Lots of great information! So many technology and app resources - really helpful."

- JEN WESLEY, TEACHER

## On-Site Training

Most BER seminars can be brought to your school or district in-person or online. See the options at [www.ber.org/onsite](http://www.ber.org/onsite) or call 877-857-8964 to speak to one of our On-Site Training Consultants.

## Extensive Young Adult Literature Digital Resource Handbook

You will receive a new, one-of-a-kind digital resource handbook featuring an annotated bibliography of the best, new young adult books published in the last year with practical strategies for using these titles in all areas of your program.

The handbook includes:

- Ready-to-use activities and resources so that you can immediately utilize the best, new books for teens in your program
- Extensive topic and subject oriented annotated bibliographies along with review sources
- Book-sharing ideas and resources
- Websites that enhance the reading experience for teens and keep you up-to-date

**For in-person seminars, registrants will also receive a printed copy of the resource handbook as long as their registration is received in the BER office at least 15 calendar days before the event.**

## Share Ideas with Other Educators

This seminar provides an excellent opportunity for participants to share ideas with other educators interested in the best, new books for young adults.

## Consultation Available

Karen Scott will be available for consultation regarding your questions about the most recently published books for young adults and about strategies for sharing them.

## Meet Inservice Requirements / Earn State CEUs

Participants of In-Person Seminars, Live Online Seminars and those completing the Recorded Version online can receive a certificate of participation that may be used to verify five continuing education hours. For details about state CEUs available, visit [www.ber.org/ceus](http://www.ber.org/ceus)

## Earn One to Four Graduate Semester Credits



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## Can't Attend?

### Other Professional Development Options:



#### Recorded Version of the Seminar

Order the recorded version of this seminar to take online at your convenience. You'll have access to the entire course and to the extensive digital resource handbook. To enroll, see registration form on page 7, and for optional CEUs and graduate credit, please visit [www.ber.org/credit](http://www.ber.org/credit)



#### Related On-Demand Online Courses

A related On Demand Video-Based Online Learning course, *MAKERSPACES: Creating Motivating, Engaging Work Spaces for Your Library*, for Grades K-12, is available for immediate registration. To enroll, visit [www.ber.org/online](http://www.ber.org/online)

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## Registration (BK33F2)

- 1. **Albany (Troy), NY** – December 8, 2022
- 2. **Burlington, VT** – December 7, 2022
- 3. **Dallas, TX** – January 11, 2023
- 4. **El Paso, TX** – January 12, 2023
- 5. **Houston, TX** – January 9, 2023
- 6. **Manchester (Bedford), NH** – December 6, 2022
- 7. **Phoenix, AZ** – January 13, 2023
- 8. **Portland (South Portland), ME** – December 5, 2022
- 9. **Rochester (West Henrietta), NY** – December 9, 2022
- 10. **San Antonio, TX** – January 10, 2023
- 11. **LIVE ONLINE:** December 13, 2022  
(Start time: 9 AM Eastern)  
— or —
- 12. **I'd like to order the recorded version of this seminar**

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION, SUBJECT TAUGHT \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_

SEMINAR LOCATION NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please see list above)

**List additional registrants on a copy of this form**

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CITY & STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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**Registration confirmations and login details are sent via e-mail**

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HOME MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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**IMPORTANT – PRIORITY ID CODE: EBK33F2**

## METHOD OF PAYMENT – Team Discount Available

**The registration fee is \$279 per person;**  
for teams of three or more registering at the same time, the fee is \$259  
per person. **Payment is due prior to the program.** No cash, please.

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## Program Hours

- All In-Person Seminars are scheduled 8:30 AM – 3:15 PM  
Check-in is 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM
- All Live Online Seminars are scheduled 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM in the time zone indicated. Check in 15 minutes prior. Registrants will be sent login information by email four days before their Live Online Seminar.

## Fee

The registration fee is \$279 per person, \$259 per person for groups of three or more registering at the same time. Call us at 1-800-735-3503 for groups of ten or more. **Payment is due prior to the program.**

Fee includes seminar registration, a certificate of participation and an extensive digital resource handbook. The fee is the same for In-Person Seminars, Live Online Seminars or Recorded Seminars.

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## Meeting Sites and Hotel Accommodations

Seminars will be held at the following sites:

- Albany: Hilton Garden Inn – Troy, (518) 272-1700
- Burlington: Hilton, (802) 658-6500
- Dallas: DoubleTree – Dallas Love Field, (214) 357-8500
- El Paso: Radisson Airport, (915) 772-3333
- Houston: Hotel Indigo, (713) 621-8988
- Manchester: Country Inn & Suites – Bedford, (603) 666-4600
- Phoenix: Sheraton Crescent Hotel, (602) 943-8200
- Portland: Home2 Suites – Airport, (207) 517-3636
- Rochester: R.I.T. Inn & Conference Center – West Henrietta, (585) 359-1800
- San Antonio: Courtyard Marriott SeaWorld – Westover Hills, (210) 509-3700

If needed, please make your own hotel reservations by calling the appropriate hotel listed above.

## Cancellation/Substitutions

100% of your paid registration fee will be refunded if you can't attend and notify us at least 10 days before the seminar. Late cancellations made prior to the event date will be refunded less a \$15 service fee. Substitutions may be made at any time without charge.

## Program Guarantee

We stand behind the high quality of our programs by providing the following unconditional guarantee: If you are not satisfied with this program, we'll give you a 100% refund of your registration fee.

## Further Questions

Call the Bureau of Education & Research (800) 735-3503 or visit us online at [www.ber.org](http://www.ber.org)

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