Community Day Workshops
No registration required.

All events will take place Oct. 22, 2016, at the I Hotel & Conference Center (1900 S. First St., Champaign)

Storytelling in the Classroom
Award-winning storytellers Kathe Brinkman and Dan Keding will demonstrate how to use storytelling as an inspiration and springboard for a variety of exciting writing activities in the classroom.

When There's No Box To Check: Falling in the Racial Cracks, Multiracial Students, and Diversity
Crystal Chan will highlight the mixed-race experience related in her novel Bird, which features a multiracial girl and a transracial adoptee. She will discuss racial confusion in schools, society, and globally and explore ways to bolster confidence in multiracial children.

What I Wish my Teachers, Friends, and Neighbors Knew About Islam
Pediatrician and author Asma Mobin-Uddin will cover the basics of Islam, including the beliefs and practices of the religion. Mobin-Uddin will discuss issues regarding women in Islam and the correct use of terms, dress, attire, as well as modesty issues, gender relations, prayers, fasting, diet, holidays, curriculum issues, and recommended resources for classroom teachers.

Incorporating Quality Latina/o Literature in the Classroom
Sonia Alejandra Rodriguez will present an exciting variety of Latina/o literature for children and young adults, including books by Youth Literature Festival authors Matt de la Peña, Xavier Garza, and Duncan Tonatiuh.

Incorporating Quality Nonfiction in the Classroom
Sibert Medal recipient Sally Walker will discuss the motivational force behind her books and share ways in which teachers can inspire students to look for their own sources of inspiration in researching and writing nonfiction. She will share methods of investigation and offer tips on how students can make their own research projects more successful.