



Iowa Reading Association and Iowa Association of School Librarians Conference
June 20 & 21, 2023 – Scheman Building, Ames, IA
State Literacy Conference - **“Diversity in our books, classrooms, and hearts”**
Register at www.iowareading.org. Graduate and renewal credit available.

Featured speakers include:



Maribeth Boelts is an Iowa author and has been writing stories since kindergarten. She began writing for kids over 25 years ago when her children were young. Her books include *Dogarella*, *Pupunzel*, and *Before You Were Mine*.



Danny Brassell is a motivational speaker and former educator. Danny’s sessions will include “*Bringing Joy Back into Education*” and “*Accelerating English Language Learners’ Literacy Skills*”.



Kelly Gallagher – Since 1985, Kelly Gallagher has devoted himself to the teaching of reading, writing, listening and speaking—first and foremost, as a high school ELA teacher in Anaheim, California, and also as an author/consultant who works with educators around the world. Today, he is considered one of the leading voices in literacy education.



Rebecca Janni is another Iowa author, best known for her books *Spin*, *Jammy Dance* and the *Every Cowgirl* series. Rebecca divides her time between teaching at Grand View University, visiting schools and libraries, volunteering, and writing for children.



Penny Kittle – Penny Kittle teaches first-year writers at Plymouth State University in New Hampshire. She was a teacher and literacy coach in public schools for 34 years. She is the author of nine books including *Book Love*, *Write Beside Them*, and two books co-authored with Kelly Gallagher: *4 Essential Studies* and *180 Days*.



Pam Muñoz Ryan is an American author and the 2018 U.S. nominee for the international Hans Christian Andersen Award. She is the author of *Echo*, a Newbery Honor Book and the recipient of the Kirkus Prize. She has written over forty books, including the novels *Esperanza Rising*, *Becoming Naomi Leon*, *Riding Freedom*, *Paint the Wind*, *The Dreamer*, and *Mañanaland*.



Sarvinder Naberhaus is another Iowa author. Her books include *Blue Sky White Stars*, *Boom Boom* and *Lines*. She has a Masters in Education, was an elementary and social studies teacher, as well as a media librarian.