

## 2018 Why Reading Matters Conference: Reading Without Boundaries

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June 7, 2018, 9am-4pm

### Call for Proposals

[Online Submission Form](#)

The mission of the National Book Foundation is to celebrate the best literature in America, expand its audience, and ensure that books have a prominent place in American culture.

We invite you to join us for the 2018 Why Reading Matters conference, held on **June 7, 2018 from 9am-4pm** at St. Francis College (180 Remsen Street, Brooklyn). This daylong conference brings together educators, service providers, writers, librarians, academics, publishing professionals, and literary activists to explore the theme: *Reading Without Boundaries*, and how we can use books to bridge divides, create new connections, and deepen understandings.

Please note that National Book Foundation and the Why Reading Matters conference are committed to supporting and showcasing programs, initiatives, and projects that focus on *reading*. Proposals that focus *exclusively* on literacy and/or literacy skills are not eligible for consideration.

### PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

- Breakout sessions are 75 minutes in length.
- Breakout sessions accommodate up to 30 participants.
- Breakout sessions can feature multiple presenters, though one Session Chair must be identified.
- It is expected that presenters representing an institution or organization have obtained appropriate approval before submitting a proposal.
- Presenters may not use the conference for self-promotion or to market products or services.
- Presenters are responsible for any printed paper materials (i.e., photocopies of an agenda or worksheet) needed for a breakout session.
- Each breakout space has projection capabilities and Wifi. Presenters should come prepared with a backup copy of their presentation on a flash drive.
- Complimentary conference registrations are offered to up to 3 presenters per breakout session. All additional breakout session presenters must register separately and are responsible for their registration fees.

## SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Proposals must be submitted via the [online submission form](#). The following information is required:

- Breakout session title
- Description: A 200-character description of the session, which will be included in the conference program and National Book Foundation's website. The National Book Foundation reserves the right to edit descriptions.
- Agenda: an outline delineating objective, content, and timing of the session. Time should be allocated for a Q&A in all sessions. Agendas are used for planning purposes only.
- Contact information for Session Chair.
- Name and affiliation of each additional presenter.

Proposals must be received by 11:59pm (EST) Wednesday March 14, 2018.

National Book Foundation will make final decisions regarding sessions by April 6, 2018. The Foundation reserves the right to recommend combining sessions and adding presenters as appropriate.

The Why Reading Matters Conference is open to the public; ticket sales will begin on April 26 and can be accessed via [www.nationalbook.org](http://www.nationalbook.org). Tickets are \$50; register by May 9 and receive an early bird price of \$35.

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