



*2025*  
*Mississippi LAMP*  
*Workshop*

*Program*

**Monday, September 8th**  
**Petal Civic Center**

**Tuesday, September 9th**  
**Clyde Muse Center**

**Hinds Community College - Rankin Campus**  
**Pearl, MS**

**Wednesday, September 10th**  
**Oxford Conference Center**



# Conference Agenda for Petal

WELCOME AND REGISTRATION				
TIME	EVENT	WHERE		
		GENERAL SESSION ROOM	EXHIBIT HALL	
7:30—7:50 am	<b>Registration &amp; Continental Breakfast</b> <i>Note: You must be Registered &amp; Checked-in to receive CEUs</i>	For ALL Librarians		
7:50—8:00 am	<b>General Session / President's Welcome</b>	For ALL Librarians		
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8:00—9:00 am	<b>MAGNOLIA for School Librarians</b>	Billy Don Loper	For ALL School Librarians	
9:00—10:30 am	<b>Exhibits</b>	Exclusive time for all Librarians to visit the Exhibit Hall		For ALL Librarians
10:30 am—Noon	<b>MAGNOLIA Book Awards / Innovating the Library: STEM &amp; AI (K-12)</b>	MAGNOLIA: Dr. Mary Osborne STEM & AI: Kimberly Gallo & Brittney Gilmer	For ALL School Librarians	
12:00—12:15 pm	<b>Door Prizes</b>	Debbie Thurmon & Suzanne Lewis	For ALL Librarians	
12:15—1:15 pm	<b>How to help teachers with the NEW social studies standards</b>	Elizabeth Simmons	For ALL School Librarians	
1:15—2:15 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	Petal Location ONLY	Lunch On Your Own For ALL Librarians	
2:15 – 3:45 pm	<b>Librarian "Round Table" Discussion</b>	Elizabeth Simmons	For ALL School Librarians	



# Conference Agenda for Pearl & Oxford

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9:30—11:00 am	<b>Session B / Exhibits</b>	Session B Part 1 (9:30-10:00 am) – <b>MAGNOLIA Book Awards</b> Pearl: <b>Venetia Oglesby</b> Oxford: <b>Wendy Daughdrill</b>  Session B Part 2 (10:00-11:00 am) – <b>Innovating the Library: STEM &amp; AI</b> All Locations: <b>Kimberly Gallo &amp; Brittney Gilmer</b>	Middle & High School and Public Librarians	Elementary School Librarians
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Online Video for Extra CEU Credit **What does making a sandwich have to do with computer coding?** by **Kimberly Gallo**



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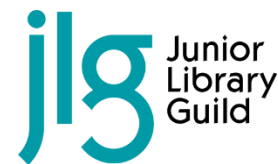
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# Conference Presenters

## Billy Don Loper

*MAGNOLIA Coordinator at Mississippi Library Commission*

### **MAGNOLIA for School Librarians**

The MAGNOLIA Database System provides a wide range of vital tools to all public-school libraries in Mississippi. From in-class resources to powerful library development tools, this presentation will cover all aspects of MAGNOLIA relevant to school librarians. Special focus will be given to the possible classroom applications of MAGNOLIA and aiding teachers in implementing MAGNOLIA in their lesson plans. Additionally, MAGNOLIA as a tool for increasing library-educator collaboration will be covered in detail.



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## **Innovating the Library: STEM & AI for Hands-On, Smart Learning**



### **Kimberly Gallo**

*Library Media Specialist  
at Pike County  
High School*

Bring your school library into the future with a powerful blend of STEM engagement and artificial intelligence tools. In this fast-paced, idea-packed session, you'll discover how to integrate hands-on STEM activities into your library program—both in the classroom and through creative “STEM-to-go” kits students can take home. You'll also explore AI-powered tools that can help you work smarter, from automating routine tasks to supporting instruction, fostering creativity, and promoting critical thinking. Along the way, you'll gain practical, budget-friendly strategies, resource recommendations, and best practices for using AI responsibly while encouraging curiosity and innovation. Walk away with ideas you can implement right away to make your library a dynamic hub for discovery and smart learning.



### **Brittney Gilmer**

*Science Teacher at  
Pike County High School*

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## **Elizabeth Simmons**

*Instructional Materials and Library Services Director at the  
Mississippi Department of Education*

### **How to help teachers with the NEW social studies standards**

This session offers practical strategies to support teachers in implementing the new social studies standards. Learn how to align library resources, promote inquiry and critical thinking, and collaborate on lessons that build content knowledge and student engagement.

### **School Librarian's Roundtable on Shaping the Future of Library Policies (Petal ONLY)**

This interactive roundtable invites school librarians to the table for a vital discussion on the creation and revision of library policies. Bring your experiences, challenges, and ideas to this collaborative forum. Your voice and insight are critical to shaping policies that will empower school librarians and serve the entire learning community effectively.





# Conference Presenters

## 2026 Magnolia Book Awards

The Magnolia Book Awards provide the children and youth of Mississippi the opportunity to nominate, read, and vote for their favorite books. Please join us to learn more about the Magnolia Award and participate in discussion to explore integrating the Magnolia Award into school or public library settings. Learn about the process and help us advocate for the Magnolia Awards as we continue to offer children and youth in Mississippi opportunities to develop a lifelong love of reading.

### *Presented By:*



**Dr. Mary Osborne**

*Assistant to Director, Special Events & Outreach School of Library and Information Science at The University of Southern Mississippi*  
**(Petal ONLY)**



**Venetia Oglesby**

*Library Media Specialist at New Hope Elementary School*  
**(Pearl ONLY)**



**Wendy Daughdrill**

*Librarian at Oxford Intermediate School & MAGNOLIA Book Awards President*  
**(Oxford ONLY)**

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## **Kimberly Gallo**

*Library Media Specialist at Pike County High School*

### **What does making a sandwich have to do with computer coding? (Online ONLY)**

Have you ever asked students to break an activity into steps and noticed the gaps in their logic? This session highlights the importance of helping students recognize and fill those gaps through computational thinking. Discover practical, library-based activities that make these skills engaging and accessible for all learners.



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We look forward  
to seeing you  
again next year!

Thank  
you

