



# Alabama Library Expo 2024

## PROGRAM & EXHIBITORS TOUR

**Monday, October 21st**

***Daphne Civic Center***

*2603 US-98*

*Daphne, AL 36526*

**Tuesday, October 22nd**

***St. James Church***

*9045 Vaughn Rd.*

*Montgomery, AL 36117*

**Wednesday, October 23rd**

***Irondale Civic Center***

*(former Zamora Shrine Center)*

*3521 Ratliff Rd.*

*Irondale, AL 35210*

**Thursday, October 24th**

***Calhoun Community College***

*Aerospace Conference Center*

*6250 US Hwy. 31 N*

*Decatur, AL 35671*



# Conference Agenda

**7:45 AM—10:30 AM Exhibits, Registration, Refreshments**

**10:30 AM—11:00 AM General Session and Awards**

**11:00 AM—12:00 PM First Session**

**12:00 PM –1:00 PM Lunch**

**1:00 PM—1:45 PM Second Session**

## **FEATURED PRESENTERS AND SCHEDULE AT EACH LOCATION:**

**A—Kellie McIntyre**

**B—Manuel Godoy**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>FIRST SESSION</b>	<b>SECOND SESSION</b>
<b>DAPHNE</b>	<b>B—11:00-12:00</b>	<b>A—1:00-1:45</b>
<b>MONTGOMERY</b>	<b>A—11:00-12:00</b>	<b>B—1:00-1:45</b>
<b>IRONDALE</b>	<b>B—11:00-12:00</b>	<b>A—1:00-1:45</b>
<b>DECATUR</b>	<b>A—11:00-12:00</b>	<b>B—1:00-1:45</b>



## Featured Presenters

*If you enjoyed listening to our Featured Presenters, please consider contacting them for a program at your library!*



### **Kellie McIntyre**

*Traveler / Speaker / Author*

#### **Session: The 7 Continents Club: Increasing Cultural Intelligence through Travel and Book**

Kellie's quest for culture and adventure has taken her to 50 countries across seven continents. In 2013, Kellie and her family packed one suitcase each and embarked on a five-month journey around the world. Now, she challenges others to travel boldly. Kellie speaks to schools and groups about the impact of experiential travel on cultural intelligence (CQ). She shares tips for planning and surviving global family (mis)adventures—like being detained in a communist country—at [4WornPassports.com](http://4WornPassports.com).

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### **Manuel Godoy**

*Author / Speaker*

#### **Session: Comic Books: Transforming what it means to be inclusive**

Manuel's mission is simple. No more slave stories, time for kings. The company he founded, Black Sands Entertainment, emphasizes black history before slavery and with the success of the brand, he published other creators to see their stories told as well. Some of these ended up beloved by School Library Journal and Kirkus. Now with the company's massive unique catalog of comics about ancient African civilizations distributed through every major vendor in the industry, Manuel is ready to spread the positive history of black culture to every school in America.

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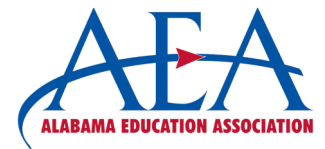
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Black Sands Entertainment is the most popular black indie comic company in America. For six years, Manuel Godoy has shown great leadership in both the writer's room, and entrepreneurship. The flagship title he penned is Black Sands, the Seven Kingdoms. A series beloved by hundreds of thousands of people. To date, Black Sands Entertainment has done well over four million dollars in lifetime sales and has sold over 250,000 units.





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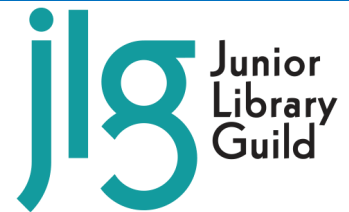
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This Southern girl's quest for culture and adventure has taken her to 50 countries across six continents. In 2013, Kellie, her husband, and two daughters packed one suitcase each and embarked on a five-month journey around the world. Now she's on a mission to help other families travel boldly.



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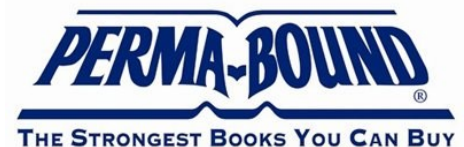
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Tim started writing his four preteen and teenager novels in February, 2023. His purpose in writing novels was because he didn't see many products for this age group that were wholesome, challenging and exciting! His books involve two youngsters who have been best friends since the second grade. At 12 years old now, they venture through various thrilling mysteries and adventures. Tim's books are in a few public and school libraries and a set of the novels are also in a children's school library in Malawi, Africa.







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**Danielle Dunlavy** - Elberta High School  
**Holly Whidbee** - Perdido School  
**Angela "Brooke" Walsh** - Spanish Fort Middle School

### Montgomery

**Shonda Tolliver** - Booker T. Washington High School  
**Jada Meadows** - George Washington Carver Elementary School  
**Elisha Rogers** - Wetumpka Elementary School  
**Kelly Smith** - Ashland Elementary School

### Irondale

**Jennifer Northrup** (*President's Award*) - Gwin Elementary School  
**Allison Dolan** - Bluff Park Elementary School  
**Tracie Welch** - Steele Elementary School  
**Beverly Harlan** - Ranburn Elementary School  
**Shelia Jackson** - Vestavia Hills High School Freshman Campus  
**Tonya Allen** - Minor Elementary School

### Decatur

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**Jennifer Prince** - Challenger Middle School  
**Haleigh Walden** - Horizon Elementary School  
**Beoncia Sharp** - Rolling Hills Elementary School

*Congratulations to all award recipients!*