

2026 Illinois Reads Author Panels – 9th Grade to Adult

Thursday, March 12, 2026

12:00 – 1:00 pm – Lunch with Illinois Reads Authors in the BOS Center Exhibit Hall

2:15 – 3:15

Illinois Reads Author Panel for 9th Grade to Adults

with **Adi Alsaïd, Allison Epstein, Gene Ha, Laurie Lawlor, Barb Rosenstock**

Join the authors of the 2026 Illinois Reads Books at the IRC Conference! During this panel, authors from 9th Grade to Adult books will be highlighted. Come participate in this exciting chance to meet and greet Illinois Reads authors as they discuss the inspiration for their stories, current projects they are working on, and ask questions you've been anxious to know about your favorite characters.

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3:30 – 4:30 - Autograph time scheduled in the BOS Center Exhibit Hall

2026 IRC CONFERENCE PRELIMINARY PROGRAM



Illinois Reads Authors

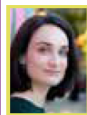
Plan now to attend the **Illinois Reads Author Panels** at the 2026 IRC Conference! Featured authors will be from the **2026 Illinois Reads Books!** There are four panels planned during the conference. Come participate in this exciting chance to meet and greet Illinois Reads authors as they share the inspiration for their stories and current projects they are working on, and ask questions you've been anxious to know about your favorite characters. Following the sessions, authors will also be autographing their books in the Exhibit Hall at the Bank of Springfield Center. Books will also be available for purchase in the exhibit hall.

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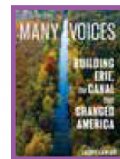
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Grades 9-12



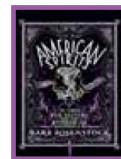
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