

About the Keynote & Keynoter,

REX SMITH is Editor and Vice President of the Times Union, the dominant communication medium in New York's Capital Region. He has led the Albany newspaper since mid-2002 to national recognition for writing, reporting, photography and design, both in print and on the Web. He is a former national correspondent and bureau chief for Newsday, and previously edited community newspapers in Troy, N.Y., and Rensselaer, Ind. Earlier in his career, he was a congressional aide in Washington and a television reporter and anchor in the metropolitan New York region. He has received numerous professional citations and awards, including the Distinguished Service Award of the national Society of Professional Journalists, a Pulitzer Fellowship and a Rotary Fellowship. He is a graduate cum laude of Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and received his master's degree with highest honors from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. Rex hosts the nationally syndicated weekly program, "The Media Project," on Northeast Public Radio, is past president of the state press association and vice chair of the state Fair Trial/Free Press Conference and was an Ethics Fellow of the Poynter Institute for Media Studies. He is a national leader in efforts to encourage news literacy training in schools and colleges, through his work with the American Society of News Editors. Outside journalism, Rex is known as a singer: He is a member of Albany Pro Musica, one of the Northeast's premiere choral ensembles. Rex lives in Rensselaer County with his wife, the author Marion Roach Smith, and their 16-year-old daughter, Grace Yu Ying Smith, a sophomore at the Emma Willard School.

Library Media Specialists Conference Information Architects: Preparing and Building for Tomorrow

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION/VENDORS

9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. KEYNOTE

"FUTURE OF THE WRITTEN WORD"

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9:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m. BREAK/VENDORS

10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. SESSION 1 WORKSHOPS

- A. Making Your Library Accessible to Students with Disabilities—Ann Hayes, Debbie Huskie, Jill Roemer, Audra Rys and Beth Davis
- A. Non-Fiction, Current Events and the Common Core—Sarah Hinman Ryan
- B. Beyond the SLMPE Rubric—Sharon Davis
- C. Cyber Awareness: Facebook and other current issues—Kelly Schermerhorn

11:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. BREAK/VENDORS

11:30 p.m.-12:30 p.m. SESSION 2 WORKSHOPS

- E. "E-Research" - Using Noodletools to Enhance 21st Century Learning Skills -Linda Fasano
- F. Newspaper and it's Role in the Common Core—Greg Stapleton
- G. The Dean of Children's Science writers—Seymour Simon

12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. LUNCH/BOOK SIGNING

1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. VENDOR TIME

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. SESSION 3 WORKSHOPS

- H. Open 24-7 - Building a timeless online library. What does it mean to foster online learning? - Amy Carpenter and Terese Brennan
- I. Non-Fiction Book Talk—Rondi Brower
- J. Lexile, Rich Text, and the Common Core—Paige Jaeger

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