

Keynote title:

**The Power of Activism, Then and Now: School Desegregation in Lemon Grove**

Brief bio:

Author/illustrator **Christy Hale** has created over 30 books for children. Accolades for Christy's books include: ALA Notables, a Boston Globe Horn Book Award, Notable Books for a Global Society (IRA), NCTE Orbis Pictus Recommended Title, First Place New York Book Show, NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book, FOCAL Award LAPL, Bank Street Best Children's Books of the Year, SCBWI Crystal Kite Award, CBCC Choices Selection, Top Ten Title New York Public Library, Chicago Public Library Best Informational Book, and many starred reviews and Best Books of the Year lists. Christy's illustrations have been selected for the Original Art Show, the Communication Arts Illustration Annual, and the Society of Illustrators Annual Show.

Christy holds a Master's in Education. She began her work life as an art teacher and has taught all ages. She moved to New York to pursue her childhood dream of becoming an illustrator. After graduating from Pratt Institute, she worked in-house as a designer and art director for several New York children's book publishers. Christy also taught in the Communication Design Department at Pratt Institute, and at the New York Center for Book Arts. Christy now teaches in the Illustration Department at the Academy of Art in San Francisco. She has also taught art and graphic design to high school students, and first learned about the Lemon Grove case at an in-service teacher workshop. Hale and her husband live in Palo Alto, California. You can find her online at [christyhale.com](http://christyhale.com).