# AKILI DAMONE HIGHT

Author | Afrofuturist Storyteller | Creative Educator | Technology Strategist

Exploring identity, imagination, storytelling, and the power to shape our future.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Akili Damone Hight is a Los Angeles-based author, creative entrepreneur, and technology professional whose work bridges Afrofuturism, speculative fiction, personal development, and emerging technology.

He is the creator of LUCID: Life Ultimately Continues in Dreams, an Afrofuturist science-fantasy universe exploring consciousness, identity, self-discovery, and the extraordinary possibilities of human imagination.

Drawing on more than two decades of technology and project leadership experience, Akili connects creative storytelling with innovation, problem-solving, and the possibilities of human imagination.

Through author conversations, educational presentations, and community events, he encourages audiences to examine familiar stories from new perspectives and recognize their own creative potential.

## FEATURED SPEAKING TOPICS

### 1. Heroes & Comics: Identity, Culture, and Storytelling

Explore how superheroes reflect history, cultural values, mythology, and the changing meaning of heroism. Includes representation, the hero’s journey, and the importance of diverse character perspectives.

### 2. Afrofuturism: Imagining New Possibilities

Discover how Afrofuturist storytelling combines culture, speculative imagination, technology, and alternative futures to expand the narratives we tell about ourselves and our communities.

### 3. The Hero Within: Creativity and Self-Discovery

Explore personal identity, resilience, imagination, and the role storytelling can play in helping people envision new possibilities.

### 4. From Imagination to Creation: Building a Story Universe

A behind-the-scenes look at developing LUCID from an original idea into a creative property spanning literature, comics, and multimedia storytelling.

**Additional professional topic available by inquiry:** Creativity, emerging technology, and the future of storytelling.

# ENGAGE. IMAGINE. CREATE.

## WHO THESE PRESENTATIONS ARE FOR

**Schools:** Age-appropriate sessions for middle school, high school, and college audiences.
**Libraries and literacy organizations:** Author talks, reading programs, book discussions, and creative workshops.
**Comic conventions and cultural events:** Panels, creator conversations, Afrofuturism discussions, and book signings.
**Professional and creative organizations:** Storytelling, innovation, creative development, and technology-related conversations.

## AUDIENCE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

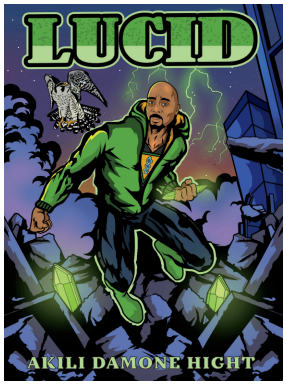
Depending on the session, participants will be encouraged to:

1. Examine how stories and superheroes reflect cultural identity and social history.
2. Recognize the importance of representation and diverse perspectives.
3. Understand foundational storytelling concepts, including character development and the hero's journey.
4. Connect imagination and creative expression with personal development.
5. Identify practical ways to begin developing their own stories and creative ideas.

## SELECTED APPEARANCES & MEDIA

### Featured Educational Engagement

**Heroes & Comics | January 24, 2025**
Orange County Educational Arts Academy, Santa Ana, California
Guest presentation for seventh- and eighth-grade students exploring superheroes, identity, culture, and storytelling.




### Additional Appearances & Media

**2026 | Los Angeles Comic Con**
Exhibitor and creator featuring LUCID and its expanding creative universe.

**2025 | Blerd.ie, Pomona**
Exhibitor showcasing Afrofuturist literature and original merchandise.

**2024 | Los Angeles Wave, Book Corner**
Featured author discussing LUCID, Afrofuturism, and creative inspiration.

**2024 | The Book Jewel, Los Angeles**
First LUCID author book signing and launch celebration.

## AVAILABLE ENGAGEMENT FORMATS

Author talks · Educational presentations · Moderated discussions · Convention panels · Podcast interviews · Book signings · Customized workshops

Session length, audience level, format, location, and availability are discussed individually.

## BOOKING & INQUIRIES

**Bring storytelling, creativity, and fresh perspectives to your next event.**

Invite Akili Damone Hight for an author conversation, educational presentation, panel, or customized workshop.

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Presentation topics and formats may be tailored to the audience and event objectives.