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Suzan Alteri states, "*B is for Baldwin* was one of those opportunities to incorporate my expertise in historical children’s literature with stunning illustrations to create a truly collaborative public scholarship book. It features one of Florida’s great cultural resources, the Baldwin Library. I still feel privileged to have worked with such an amazing collection and people. My work as the editor is one of my proudest life accomplishments, but I did not do it alone. I had the help of an extraordinary creative team and editorial collective, along with the 21 other contributors, who were all instrumental in creating this beautiful book."