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Celebrating 50 Years • 1957-2007

YALSA Preliminary Programs for ALA's Annual Conference, 2007

Sins of Young Adult Literature (Ticketed Event)

Friday, 8:30-5

Using the Seven Deadly Sins as a starting point, this preconference will feature notable authors in the world of young adult literature in lively and thought-provoking conversation. From controversial themes to defending challenges to non-traditional formats, all aspects of books for teens will be discussed. Attendees will be encouraged to examine their own actions and biases as we work to understand what the real sins are and develop methods to better serve all our patrons. Lunch included.

Beginner's Guide to Teens in Libraries (Ticketed Event)

Friday, 8:30-12:30

The purpose of the preconference is to provide continuing education to help library workers who are not trained as young adult librarians interact with teens in a positive manner and to provide appropriate services and resources to teens.

YALSA 101

Friday, 4:00-5:00

What is YALSA? How does this ALA division help you? Learn more in a basic orientation, which will include an overview of the division and its activities. New members and those considering membership will learn more about the benefits, and established members are welcome to attend this great networking opportunity.

Margaret A. Edwards Luncheon

Saturday, 12-2

Come listen to Lois Lowry, the winner of the Margaret A. Edwards Award, which honors an author's lifetime achievement for writing book(s) that have been popular over a period of time. Lowry is being honored for "The Giver" because of its ability in helping adolescents become aware of themselves and addressing questions about their role and importance in relationships, society, and in the world. The annual award is administered by YALSA and sponsored by *School Library Journal* magazine.

Teen Graphic Novels: Maintaining Your Collection for Maximum Impact! (PLA

Program co-sponsored by YALSA)

Saturday 1:30-5:30

Graphic novel collections have become established fixtures of most teen sections of public libraries. What can librarians do to keep collections contemporary, attractive, and popular? Panelists will give their thoughts on selection, withdrawal, space allocation, budget, series and more. The second half of the program will celebrate the premier list of

YALSA's Great Graphic Novels for Teens. Committee members will booktalk titles from the list. Co-sponsored by PLA and YALSA.

Alex Award Winners 2007

Saturday, 4-5:30

The 2007 Alex Award winners--what they are and how to booktalk them to young adults--are highlighted in this panel presentation. The 2007 Alex Awards were given to the following 10 adult titles that have appeal to young adults: John Connolly for "The Book of Lost Things"; Ivan Doig for "The Whistling Season"; Michael D'Orso for "Eagle Blue: A Team, A Tribe, and A High School Basketball Season in Arctic Alaska"; Sara Gruen for "Water for Elephants"; Pamela Carter Joern for "Floor of the Sky"; John Hamamura for "Color of the Sea"; Michael Lewis for "The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game"; David Mitchell for "Black Swan Green"; Ron Rash for "The World Made Straight"; and Diane Setterfield for "The Thirteenth Tale".

YA Author Breakfast (Ticketed Event)

Sunday, 8-10

Enjoy a breakfast featuring YALSA award winning authors! This informal breakfast will give you an opportunity to mingle with your favorite YA authors.

Using Technology to Market to Young Adults

Sunday, 8-10am

Michael Stephens, instructor and biblioblogger, and Kimberly Bolan, teen spaces expert and consultant, will discuss using newest technologies to market library service and programs to teens. A continental breakfast will be sponsored by Tutor.com.

Trend Setters in Teen Literature

Sunday, 10:30 – 12:00

This program will highlight the third edition of YALSA's publication, Best Books for Young Adults, by showcasing recent trends in teen literature as seen in the first seven years of the current decade's Best Books for Young Adults lists, followed by a panel of authors and editors from Simon & Schuster, Hyperion, and Random House discussing where they see teen literature going in the future. Speakers: Random House Editor Wendy Lamb and Rene Saldana, Jr.; Simon & Schuster Editor David Gale and Ellen Wittlinger; Hyperion Editor Brenda Bowen and James Sturm, Director of the Center for Cartoon Studies.

Research

Sunday, 1:30-3:30

A consideration of historical research questions that have inspired young adult services and a look forward at future needs. Henne grant recipients will discuss their research and offer tips to others about how to form and pursue a research agenda.

To iPods and Beyond

Sunday, 1:30-3:30

Do you know the difference between CDs and MP3s? Ripping and scrobbling? This program will highlight the ways libraries can use new and emerging technologies to connect teens with digital music collections. You'll hear samples by songs from

recommended artists as well as a rapid-fire look back at the #1 songs over YALSA's first 50 years.

Video Games as a Service: Hosting Tournaments @ your library

Sunday, 4-5:30

Learn what a video game tournament is and get the technical information you need to plan and implement a tournament at your library.

You Must Write It: 50 Tips for Publishing with YALSA

Monday, 8-10am

To paraphrase Toni Morrison, if there's a book (or an article, or a pamphlet, or a blog) that you really want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it. And YALSA is here to help. Come listen to our panel discuss the publishing process, including how to choose the right format and how to submit a knock-em-dead proposal. Then talk directly with representatives from the YALSA office, the YALSA Publications Committee, ALA Editions, the YALSA blog, YALS and YAttitudes editors, and especially with current YALSA authors who will share tips and stories about how they made it into print. Why wait for someone else to contribute?

How to be Popular AND Smart! YALSA's Popular Paperbacks List

Monday, 10:30-12

Where can you find booklists on the hottest topics in YA literature? Look no further than YALSA's Popular Paperbacks list, which produces fabulous new booklists each year. At this workshop, you'll hear a sampling of booktalks from past lists such as All Kinds of Creepy, Books That Don't Make You Blush, GLBTQ, and more. Also, test your knowledge of YA lit by playing Popular Paperbacks Jeopardy!

YALSA President's Program & Membership Meeting: A Day in the Life of an American Teenager - Five Decades with YALSA

Monday 1:30-3:30

Join YALSA as we take a walk down memory lane, celebrating our 50th anniversary and five decades of excellence in library service to teens. We will explore teen fads, fashions, and popular reading along with milestones in YALSA history. The program will feature dramatic vignettes for each decade and a panel discussion. Several well-known authors of young adult literature will discuss the evolution of writing for teens since 1957, and new trends as we look forward to our next 50 years.

Selected Videos and DVDs for Young Adults

Monday, 4-5:30

View selected scenes from the winners of YALSA's Selected Videos and DVDs list and get some tips on how they can be used in libraries and classrooms.

Michael L. Printz Program and Reception (Ticketed Event)

Monday, 8-10pm

The Michael L. Printz Award is an award for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature. The annual award is administered by YALSA and sponsored by Booklist magazine. Come listen to the winner, Gene Luen Yang for his graphic novel "American Born Chinese" and honor book authors M.T. Anderson for "The Astonishing

Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation; v. 1: The Pox Party”; John Green for “An Abundance of Katherines”; Sonya Hartnett for “Surrender”; and Markus Zusak for “The Book Thief” speak about their writing, followed by a dessert reception.