About the Report

A Paradigm Shift for Libraries
The report calls on libraries to make fundamental changes that impact all areas of libraries. Now is the time for Trustees to consider what this shift means for their own library, including but not limited to:
- collections
- outreach
- space
- staffing models

Why Teens need to be a Focus for Libraries
- Teens make up a significant portion of library users
- Library services for and with teens is in jeopardy
- Within the past several years there has been a significant shift in the demographics of teens
- Technology continues to impact communication methods, teaching and learning
- Teens are entering the workforce without critical skills

Opportunity to Increase Impact
By embracing the changes called for in the report, Trustees can enable their library to:
- Tap into new funding streams aimed at teen
- Support a library strategic plan in which this new vision for teen services is acknowledged and addressed.
- Address a critical community need, thereby positioning their library as an indispensible community resource

Did you know that today’s young adults:
Make up 25% of all library users?
Are second in size only to the Baby Boomers?
Are the most ethnically and racially diverse generation ever?

You can make a difference
- Support a library strategic plan in which this new vision for teen services is acknowledged and addressed.
- Advocate for library services for and with teens within your peer network.
- Support policy in which all library patrons receive equal treatment and excellent customer service.
- Create opportunities for libraries to collaborate with other individuals or organizations, and develop systems to make collaboration easy and possible.
- Support library staffing plans that acknowledge the role that all staff have in providing service for and with teens.
- Read and disseminate research and best practices related to teens to library stakeholders.
- Strive to ensure that adequate resources are available to libraries so that they are well-positioned to support community efforts relating to teens, including career/workforce development.

Additional resources
- Visit the National Forum on Libraries and Teens web site to access free materials, including the full report and executive summary as well as archived webinars: www.ala.org/yaforum/
- Visit YALSA’s web site for standards and guidelines for teen services: www.ala.org/yalsa/guidelines
- Explore resources specifically for Library Trustees at www.ala.org/united/trustees