

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco
June 26 - 30, 2015

Topic: Quarterly Chair Reports

Background: Chairs were asked to submit a report of what work their group has accomplished since mid-February. Standing Board Committees each discussed the reports relating to their strategic goal area in early June. They considered the following questions:

- Is each group making adequate progress on their charge and/or tasks (as outlined in the task list)? If not, what do they need to get back on track?
- As a whole, how are these groups doing in terms of supporting the strategic plan goal? Are there any gaps that need addressing? If so, how?
- Are there any commonalities among the groups, either positive or negative? If so, what are they and how might they be addressed?
- Are there opportunities to connect some or all of these groups to each other in order to increase efficiency or impact?
- What, if anything, does the standing committee or individual committee members need to do or follow up on?
- Is there anything high level that should be shared with the President and Executive Director? If so, what?
- Other? whatever else you feel is needed

At this meeting, Standing Board Committees are encouraged to reflect on the reports and discuss trends, common threads, overarching issues, opportunities for cross-committee collaboration, etc. among the reports so that the Board might address them as a whole.

Action Required: Discussion

Missing Reports (as of 5/28/15)

- Teri Lesesne - 2015 Award Nominating Committee
- Priscille Dando - 2015 Governance Nominating Committee
- Melanie Lyttle – Book Wholesalers Grant Jury
- Portia Latalladi – Continuing Education Advisory Board
- Ariel Cummins – Frances Henne Award Jury
- Mary Hastler – Library Administrator Resources Taskforce
- Sophie Brookover – 2015 Margaret Edwards Award
- Gail Tobin – Mentoring Taskforce
- Sarah Julsonnet – Volunteer of the Year Award Jury

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ADVOCACY

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Group *

Advocacy Support Task Force

Chair's Name * Sarah Kepple

Board Liaison * Jennifer Korn

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement *

1. Provide a means for identifying advocacy experts and connecting them to members to enhance their advocacy efforts.
2. Engage members in advocacy through contests and incentives.
3. Promote subscriptions to the YAdvocacy listserv, post regular tips on everyday advocacy and encourage discussion.
4. Model use of social media as an advocacy tool to members and encourage them to use it at the local and state levels, such as Google maps, Storify, and Scoop.it.
5. Encourage the use and awareness of existing internal and external advocacy tools such as YALSA's Advocacy Toolkit and Advocacy Benchmarks, ALA resources, and others, including organizing and maintaining those resources on YALSA's wiki (<http://ow.ly/sCzrX>).

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? *

Chair Sarah Kepple met via conference call with YALSA President Chris Shoemaker, Board Liaison Jennifer Korn and YALSA Executive Director Beth Yoke to get feedback and adjust the task force's action plan. Based on their guidance, the #Advocacy365 social media campaign was adapted to use the #Act4Teens tag instead and will not include any live webinars. Task Force members may instead create YALSA Academy videos, blog posts and will continue to promote existing content such as archived webinars.

The Advocacy Support Task Force members met in March to review the updates to the action plan based on the feedback from Chris, Beth and Jennifer. The TF prepped to begin the social media campaign the following month and discussed the advocacy contest. For the contest, the TF would like to focus on District Days, August 2015. Leading up to District Days, TF members will share out ideas for connecting with representatives. YALSA members who share their plans or activities via Twitter or FB and tag @YALSA will be entered into a prize drawing. The TF members would like to see all those who participate receive some sort of token and are in conversation with YALSA staff about what that could be. Also during this meeting, based on feedback from Beth Yoke, the group discussed additional local and state conferences at which they could present. Robin and Sarah submitted a proposal for PLA 2016, and Melissa and Sarah found out that their proposal for AASL 2015 was accepted.

In April, the TF launched their social media campaign. Each month focuses on a different advocacy benchmark. April’s benchmark was “Collects evaluative data to envision teen services”. Using Twitter and Facebook, members shared out articles, ALA webpages, wikis, blog posts and YALS articles around to support members reaching this benchmark. Posts were also keyed into National Library Week, ALA’s #LibraryMade promotion, National Library Legislative Day. Chair Sarah Kepple also submitted a YALSA Blog post to gather and summarize all of these ideas.

For May, TF member Lisa Lechuga has begun leading the promotion of the next benchmark, “Implements change by working with administration and colleagues.”

Which goals listed in the YALSA Strategic Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply. *

- Advocacy and Activism ✓
- Research and Best Practices
- Continuous Learning and Professional Development ✓
- Member Recruitment and Engagement ✓
- Capacity Building and Organizational Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply. *

- Program
- Publication ✓
- Outreach ✓
- Collaboration
- Other (Please explain below)

What is your group's work plan for the next three months? *

In June, Robin Kurz will lead the Advocacy Support TF in promotion of the benchmark, “Identifies specific goals for a teen library program or service and develops a plan for reaching those goals.” The TF will also meet in June to finalize plans for the advocacy contest.

In July, Krista King-Oaks will champion the benchmark, “Speaks up about teen issues in formal and informal settings.”

In August, Wendy Steadman-Stephens will promote, “Observes policy makers in action and familiarizes with current procedures, viewpoints and communication.” The TF also plans to run the advocacy or Act4Teens contest in August to coincide with district days.

Also, throughout the summer, the TF members, particularly the school librarians, will work on updating the YALSA Advocacy wiki.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA publications in the next three months? *

Task force members are encouraged to produce a YALSA blog post, YAdvocacy List Serve post, and/or a YALSA Academy Video for each of their respective months. Once the contest information is finalized, we anticipate posts promoting it via the e-news.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. *

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.

This quarter we actually had our first Google Hangout since starting out in which everyone was able to participate simultaneously. The group seems engaged and have been enthusiastic about moving forward.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

If concerns are of a personal nature, please email YALSA's president directly. Do not comment using this form.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? *

We exchanged emails, but clearly there was a significant lack of communication.

- Yes ✓
 No •

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Group: YALSA Competencies Update Taskforce

Chair's Name: Lorraine Squires

Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Charge for the Competencies Updates Taskforce:

Review the current document called "Young Adults Deserve the Best:

Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth" and update the language and content, as needed, to ensure it reflects the mission and core values of teens services as described in The Future of Library Service For and With

Teens: A Call to Action.

Provide a draft by December 15th for the Midwinter meeting in January, a revised draft for the Spring Executive meeting, and submit a final report with recommended changes for Board consideration by Annual 2015.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? none - had been waiting to hear from board about draft submitted for midwinter.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: should have reached out to board to ask for feedback What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Receive feedback on draft of "Young Adults Deserve the Best: Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth" and deliver final draft.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? feedback from board Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 5: Not Accomplished Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Cultural Competence Task Force

Chair's Name: Kim Dare

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Board Liaison: Vicki Emery

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Adapt existing exemplary resources, and as needed, create new ones to help members learn how to incorporate cultural competence into their everyday work and how libraries can strengthen competence in order to increase their relevance and value as a partner in their community. Activities include: creating a cultural competence toolkit; maintaining the diversity page on YALSA's public wiki and encouraging members to contribute to the content there; creating a cultural competence self-assessment; as requested by the YALSAblog Manager and YALS Editor, identify individuals to create cultural competence focused content; and increase member awareness of existing cultural competence resources from the ALA Office for Diversity and ALA Affiliates. Taskforce size: 5-7 virtual members, including the chair. Term of appointment: September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have posted the first of our podcasts with experts (Task 2 Continuing Education) on the YALSA blog. This podcast was with Patrick Jones, whose work with incarcerated youth is widely respected. The information about the blogpost was publicized through Twitter and YALSA's E-News. The second podcast in the series will air soon, featuring Ady Huertas, Teen Service Manager at San Diego Central Library, who works with REFORMA and youth in transition. The Infographic (Task 4) has been shared with the YALSA Board to get input on further revisions. We were involved with Teen Tech Week (Task 3) through tweet-ups and a blog post, and continued to encourage conversations regarding Cultural Competencies via tweetups (Task 8).

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Programming
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration

- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The Toolkit (Task 1) is close to a point of sending on to Anna Lam in Word form for review. We will continue the podcasts (Task 2) and are finalizing a Community Needs Assessment Tool (also Task 2). We will provide information on incorporating cultural competencies into summer reading programs (Task 3) through tweetups and a blog post. I have been in touch with Linda Braun and will have an article to her about the work of our task force and how it supports YALSA members in their work by July 15 for inclusion in YALS (Task 5). The cultural competence wiki (Task 6) will be populated by the end of June.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I will be submitting an article to Linda Braun for YALS by July 15-- see above. We will continue to make use of the E-News forum to communicate various tools that are ready for prime time.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: It has been harder to find times that all of us can meet over the past several months. One member has missed several meetings and there have been some delays with the work she was coordinating, but I believe that this has been resolved.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Legislation

Chair's Name: Staci Terrell

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Board Liaison: Sarah Townsend

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To inform librarians and library workers who serve young adults of pending legislation which affects young adults and library service to that population; to provide librarians and library workers with tools and resources to help them educate elected officials and lobby for strong library services to teens; to liaise with the ALA Legislation Committee; and to provide support to the YALSA Board with developing an annual legislative agenda.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

We updated the Tweet your Reps and Senators maps with this year's NLLD tweet and also made sure the maps were current.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Outreach/Partnerships

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To promote the upcoming District Days through the YALSA blog and social media. I have been in contact with Crystle Martin and will also work with Anna Lam to promote with the weekly newsletter later in the summer.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will promote District Days and share it via social media.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Teen Read Week Committee

Chair's Name: Sarah Amazing

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Board Liaison: Jennifer Korn

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To assist with the planning and implementation of a week-long national initiative to that gives libraries the opportunity to encourage their teens to read for the fun of it.

Committee responsibilities include: Developing content for the Teen ReadWeek web site such as professional resources for YA librarians, program and display ideas and lists of recommended resources; promoting Teen Read Week through efforts such as: contributing items to appropriate magazines, blogs, etc. for the library, education and literature fields and/or offering conference programs and publications as appropriate; assisting staff with the selection of an annual theme.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

TRW Committee members wrote blog posts (to be forwarded to the YALSA Blog manager for future posting) that expanded on something they prepared for the manual, publicized the TRW grant in their social media, and began filling the 2015 TRW Pinterest. We also brainstormed ways to further publicize TRW.

Two members wrote articles for the TRW issue of YALS.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Programming
- Outreach/Partnerships

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Over the next three months we'll be choosing TRW grant winners and continue to publicize going forward.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We'll share the winners of the TRW grants through social media & e-news.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Teen Tech Week

Chair's Name: Jaina Shaw

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Board Liaison: Sarah Townsend

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To assist with the planning and implementation of a week-long national initiative to that gives libraries the opportunity to feature all of their nonprint resources for teens and their families.

Committee responsibilities include: Developing content for the Teen Tech Week web site such as professional resources for YA librarians, program and display ideas and lists of recommended resources; promoting Teen Tech Week through efforts such as: contributing items to appropriate magazines, blogs, etc. for the library, education and technology fields and/or offering conference programs and publications as appropriate; assisting staff with the selection of an annual theme.

Committee Size: 7 virtual members, including at least two members from the previous year.

Term: 2 years, commencing after Annual and ending after Annual.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Since the conclusion of TTW, our committee has been in reflection mode. I consulted with the group, and here is some feedback:

"I thought we had a successful year. We got a lot accomplished, especially with the Twitter chats and articles. I also thought the grant process ran a little bit smoother than the previous year. :)"

"I would say that it would be nice to have a more defined schedule at the start of the year. That way we know in August that we need to do an article by October, and that we need to start working on things like the ning and blog posts well in advance. Otherwise things were a lot better this year than last."

We all felt like the Twitter chats did a lot of good both in promotion and in connecting librarians to new people and new ideas. Going through the grant proposals was a lot of work, but we split up the proposals evenly and all entered our thoughts into a Google spreadsheet.

We used Google+ to communicate and people seemed to like that.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

Outreach/Collaboration
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The only plan we have is to get dinner at ALA to reflect more in person.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? n/a Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

CAPACITY BUILDING

Group: Board Diversity Taskforce

Chair's Name: Nicola McDonald

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Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To ensure adequate and ongoing diversity on YALSA's Board of Directors. Develop a definition of diversity for adoption by the Board and inclusion in the YALSA Handbook.

Analyze the current board recruitment and selection policies, procedures and resources and recommend improvements to ensure a strong focus on diversity.

Activities include, but are not limited to, reviewing the Governance Nominating Committee's: function statement; language in the bylaws; current processes and tools the Committee uses to identify, recruit and select candidates; and reviewing the appointments process for selecting Committee members. Size: 5-7 virtual members with a strong commitment to diversity, at least 1 of which should be a current or past board member. Term: from March 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We've met to go over our function statements, expectations and talk about the taskforce as a whole. We then paired out and have been working on various sections and will come back together with those paired works over the next few weeks to discuss and move forward.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Policies Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Outreach/Collaboration
- Other (Please explain below)

other: Review topic areas related to our task force work like yalsa bylaws and recruiting forms.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We'll be coming together to discuss information we've gathered while working in pairs on specific topic areas. We'll then be discussing those areas as a whole in an effort to fine tune our suggestions. We'll also be working on fine-tuning a solid definition of diversity as it should relate to YALSA.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? No plans at the moment, but I suppose we could share our that the work of this taskforce is underway via twitter (as an informational item). I'll also ask the other members for ideas.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Communication response has been slow from some members, but from personal experience this time of year is crazy busy so with understanding I'm keeping an eye on this.

Additional Concerns or Comments: none at the moment.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Division and Membership Promotion

Chair's Name: Christina Ryan-Linder

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Board Liaison: Jack Martin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with staff to develop and pursue an aggressive and continuous campaign to recruit and retain members for YALSA; to promote the association to colleagues and to key partners as defined in the YALSA strategic plan; to promote and maintain good relations with existing members through activities such as the member booth at conferences; recognition of member anniversaries and outreach to lapsed members.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We met for the first time on May 12, 2015 by conference call. The group put together an agenda and speakers for YALSA 101 session at the Annual Conference.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We discussed the two specific strategic plan goals charged to this division #4 Member Recruitment & Engagement and #5 Capacity Building. 2 ideas were put forth: 1. a survey geared toward individuals who work with Young Adults including questions about YALSA membership, why they are or are not members. 2. volunteer recruitment of existing YALSA members to distribute literature and speak about the organization at their home state library conferences. These have yet to be implemented.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We plan to highlight the YALSA 101 conference session in all media outlets available to YALSA users and members.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 5: Not Accomplished Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments: I was just recently named chair of this committee and have not had a lot of time to work on time lines and task lists. Hopefully there will be more to report during the next quarter.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: YALSA Executive Committee

Chair's Name: Chris Shoemaker

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Board Liaison: NA

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The Executive Committee consists of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Fiscal Officer, Secretary, YALSA Division Councilor and Executive Director (ex-officio). The President serves as Chair. While the Board of Directors serves as the governing body of the organization, the role of the Executive

Committee, as with all committees, is to help the Board accomplish its work in the most efficient way. Its main purpose is to facilitate decision making in between Board meetings or in the case of a crisis or other urgent circumstances.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Conducted YALSA Exec spring conference call to prepare for strategic planning process and Annual Conference meetings Reviewed 2016 budget scenarios with Executive Director Provided feedback on and assisted in distributing strategic planning RFP.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Staffing
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Continue working with the Executive Director to secure a consultant for the strategic planning process Finalize the agenda for the 2015 Annual Conference What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Blogs, e-blast, tweets Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.:
1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Financial Advancement Committee

Chair's Name: Jack Martin

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Board Liaison: Jack Martin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Provide oversight and continued enhancement of the Friends of YALSA program, including fundraising efforts and donor recognition. Work with the Board to create and implement regular fundraising campaigns based on fiscal priorities identified by the Board. Implement fundraising opportunities approved by the YALSA Board.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Continued to thank YALSA donors for their support. Brainstorming and end-of-year fundraising project for YALSA and working with Nichole O'Connor to help with the Coffee Klatch at Annual. Also planning a blog post for May-June giving as well.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Programming
- Staffing

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To pen blog posts and help raise funds at Annual. To continue to thank donors.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We would like to write a new blog post asking members to give to YALSA before the end of June.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: n/a Additional Concerns or Comments: n/a Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?
Yes

Group: Future of Teens and Libraries

Chair's Name: Adrienne Strock

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Board Liaison: Linda Braun

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Support the roll-out of The Future of Library Services for and with Teens report by prioritizing and overseeing implementation of the following activities. Secure article placements in various publications related to youth and/or libraries.

Encourage further discussion via regular Twitter chats and programs at ALA conferences.

Identify potential conferences to target beyond the YALSA/ALA community, and work with staff to coordinate a YALSA presence there. Oversee the creation of supplementary resources such as rubrics for GSLIS faculty and students, canned presentation materials, and one-sheet materials for specific audiences as well as for topics (i.e. what does the report mean for teen spaces, staffing, etc).

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Corey Wittig spoke about the Futures report in Spain at several speaking engagements for a presentation entitled, "Mentorship in the Library: a hub for Connected Learning."

Elected Officials & Funders factsheets were submitted for the resources section on the National Forum on Libraries & Teens Site.

We started an additional resource for the Forum on ways everyone can begin the paradigm shift at their library.

We created several YALSA blog posts for an #act4teens blog series to raise awareness around the report.

We submitted weekly #act4teens discussion Tweets to Anna for the Twitter account.

We planned Twitter chats with experts around the report and the Libraries are for Making theme during Teen Tech Week. Unfortunately, there was another Twitter conflict, so the project had to be cancelled.

Adrienne Strock and Sandra Hughes-Hassel were quoted in an American Libraries article by Linda Braun.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Library Space (physical and virtual)
- Collections
- Programming
- Literacies

- Staffing
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Policies
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Unfortunately the chair, Adrienne Strock, has been dealing with a somewhat long-term illness since January and had to step down from chairing. We are waiting for a new chair but expect to continue to work on the tasks outlined in the rollout plan.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? TBD Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Due to the chair stepping down, we've been on pause. Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: 2016 Governance Nominating

Chair's Name: Shannon Peterson

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Board Liaison: N/A

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To recruit, vet and select candidates for the slate for the 2014 election of YALSA Officers and Directors. When building the slate, strive to provide for broad representation, including but not limited to representation of the membership by: diverse background, type of library, special interest, and geographic location. To assist candidates in preparing for the election, including but not limited to planning and implementing a Candidates' Forum at the 2016 Midwinter Meeting in Boston.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

These past three months the committee has:

* updated the board survey slightly to reflect skills and experience reflected in the Futures report

* completed a 2016 Board profile

* met to discuss that profile and priority areas to consider in recruitment efforts and with incoming candidacy forms

* discussed a strategy for marketing and recruitment over the next three months

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Staffing

- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Aggressively promote open positions via YALSA channels Approach potential candidates Enlist the support of the Board to identify and connect with potential candidates Create a well-qualified slate What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it?

Now that we've completed our planning work, we look forward to connecting to the membership to talk about our role and to recruit candidates.

We'll also be connecting with members personally to discuss candidacy forms, steps in the process of creating a slate, and engagement options.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: We were down a member until May, but appreciate being back to a full roster!

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Organization & Bylaws

Chair's Name: Sarah Townsend

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Board Liaison: Sarah Townsend

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To revise the Bylaws in order to clarify them and, when necessary, to recommend revision and amendment to improve them for the effective management of the division, for the achievement of its stated objectives, and to keep them in harmony with ALA Constitution and Bylaws; to study and review committee functions, recommending changes in committee structure; to advise on the organization handbook; and to make recommendations on other appropriate organizational matters.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Committee members reached out to committees that were up for evaluation that we hadn't heard from earlier in the year in a final attempt to get feedback.

The committee also offered input and revised the task checklist for next year's committee.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Policies Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The committee is available for help with any committees bringing policy and procedural changes before the Board at Annual.

Additionally the new committee will be starting in July.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? None Rate your group's effectiveness over the

past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Selection Committee Processes Evaluation TF

Chair's Name: Pam Spencer Holley

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Board Liaison: Jack Martin

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Selection Committee Processes Evaluation TF The purpose of the taskforce is to review the current operations and outputs of YALSA selection and award committees, identifying best practices, and advising potential courses of action to improve 1) committee work processes, 2) the committees' work output, and 3) the overall volunteer experience for appointees. Activities include 1) seeking recent chair feedback in order to create an overview of how the committees are functioning; 2) identifying opportunities to standardize committee processes, policies and procedures, where possible; 3) further investigating the recommendations that the board ad-hoc group on selection committees put forward at Midwinter 2014; 4) seeking member feedback on the degree to which the existing lists and awards support their readers' advisory and collection development work in a timely and effective manner and whether there are any gaps or overlap in what YALSA provides; and 4) compiling findings and making recommendations to the board by Midwinter 2015. In addition, a subgroup of the task force will pilot the possible formation of an advisory board to respond to questions from Chairs, sent to the Advisory Board via the committee chair's board liaison.

Response will be sent to YALSA staff during this pilot time, but if effective, would come directly from advisory board to committee board liaison.

In addition, a subgroup of the task force will pilot the possible formation of an advisory board to respond to questions from committee Chairs, sent directly to the Advisory Board. Advisory Board response will be sent to YALSA staff during this pilot time but, if effective and Advisory Board established, responses would be sent directly from advisory board to committee Chair, eliminating role of Board liaison and YALSA staff.

Task force term: commencing immediately and ending January 31, 2015. Member group size: 6 virtual members, plus a chair.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? After limiting our evaluation to the award committees, work went more smoothly. Our report was sent to the Executive Director, Beth Yoke, in March for delivery to the YALSA Board. The chair and the director spoke after receipt of the report and the director planned to organize the tasks into those that could be done immediately and those that required more work. At present the Board is absorbed with the Strategic Plan and the TF has not received any further direction.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Policies
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Former award chairs, as well as Board members, were contacted for their input.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The TF's work seems to be done, unless we hear further from the YALSA Board.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Can't really share anything until we know the Board has accepted the report.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Good TF members.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Strategic Planning Task Force

Chair's Name: Joy Kim

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Board Liaison: Joy Kim

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with the YALSA Board throughout the strategic planning process and in between planning cycles, including but not limited to: connecting with members to ensure an inclusive planning process, monitoring the implementation strategy for the current strategic plan, communicating the goals of the plan to the general membership and to official member groups, gathering information for the board to use to measure progress during implementation and encouraging members and member groups to take an active role in helping YALSA achieve its goals.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? I had a call with Chris and Beth regarding possible activities for the strategic planning committee. We brainstormed some ideas for raising awareness. We have not been able to accomplish much beyond that. (I have to take most of the responsibility for that; I have dropped the ball on communication with my group over the past six weeks due to other commitments.)

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Unsure at this time, given the status of the planning process.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Unsure at this time.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 5: Not Accomplished Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

CONTINUOUS LEARNING

Group: Local Arrangements Committee (SF)

Chair's Name: Hannah Gomez

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Board Liaison: Gretchen Kolderup

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with YALSA's Web Services Manager prior to the conference to create and disseminate online marketing materials that promote YALSA's presence at the ALA Annual Conference To plan and implement YALSA local arrangements activities in close cooperation with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events, including assisting on-site with logistics for YALSA events and overseeing teen participation for the ALA Annual Conference. Committee members aren't expected to attend Midwinter, but are expected to attend Annual. Committee size: 5 - 7, including one member designated as Annual Youth Participation Coordinator. Term: 1 year, from July 1st through June 30th of the following year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Blog posts, BFYA session outreach What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are winding down and getting ready for annual! I am currently getting things together to start assigning everyone to help at various sessions, and we're working on final blog posts as well. And acceptance letters were just sent out for the BFYA sessions.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Reminders of the wiki and blog posts!

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Editorial Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Linda Braun

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Board Liaison: N/A

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To serve as advisor to the editor of YALS on the content of the journal by assisting with soliciting a diverse group of contributors, identifying timely topics for articles and generating ideas for topical or theme issues when requested from the editor.

To assist with the search process for a new editor, when appropriate.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? During the last three months the Board determined that the YALS site will be retired with information about the journal available via the YALSA website and the YALSAblog. The decision was made because use of the YALS site is limited and Board members think that it would be more successful to connect members - and non-members - with journal content using resources that are more often used.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Library Space (physical and virtual)
- Collections
- Programming
- Literacies
- Staffing
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc) other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The group will begin adding content to the YALSAblog instead of the YALS site. The Board will also help with developing the content for the fall issue which is the themed issue.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Social media tools and the YALSAblog will be used to let members, and non-members, know about the content in the journal.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A Additional Concerns or Comments: N/A Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Midwinter Marketing and Local Arrangements Taskforce

Chair's Name: Sarah Sogigian

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Board Liaison: Carrie Kausch

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To work with YALSA's Web Services Manager prior to the conference to create and disseminate online marketing materials that promote YALSA 's presence at the ALA Midwinter Meeting.

To plan and implement YALSA local arrangements activities in close cooperation with YALSA 's Program Officer for Conferences & Events, including assisting on-site with logistics for YALSA events and overseeing teen participation for the ALA Midwinter Meeting .

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We've selected our "base" page option for directing members to learn about events. We are going to create a wiki page on the YALSA wikispace.

We're also utilizing ALA connect to organize topics and discussions. Once we have a better idea of what specific programs YALSA will be running at MW, we'll add those to the wiki and

promote them via social media. The teen participation part: I wonder if it's too soon to start working on that task.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Programming
- Youth Participation
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We'll be doing some local research to pull together places of interest for the wiki and begin to promote attendance at MW for YALSA members. I'm going to touch base with Carrie to ask about teen participation planning.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? MW attendance promotion via the wiki page, Twitter, facebook. I'd like to do a blog post as well, tho at this stage it might be generic event information with details tbd.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: we may have an opening as one member may not be able to fulfill her appointment. I don't have an official answer yet, which is why I haven't told our board liaison.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: President's Program Task Force

Chair's Name: Linda Braun

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Board Liaison: N/A

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with the YALSA President and Program Office for Conferences & Events to plan, organize and implement the YALSA President's Program at the next Annual Conference.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In February we launched the Shark Bowl website which is the informational platform for the program and in the late winter and early spring was used to collect and publicize pitches submitted for the program.

Pitches were due April 1. Following that the Task Force read through and evaluated all of the pitches and selected six to bring to Annual. The group also send feedback to all of those that submitted pitches - both those that were selected and those that were not. We thought this was important as we wanted to let those that weren't selected know how to improve what they sent in. Those that were selected received information on how to improve their pitches in order to present at Annual. We are also connecting with the Sharks to help them prepare for the program and are working with Nichole in the YALSA office on the details for making sure that those who are going to pitch know what's expected.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Programming
- Literacies
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are in the final stages for the program in San Francisco. We need to work with the judges to help them prepare, publicize the program using various social media channels and the YALSA media channels, and work with those who will pitch at Annual to make sure they are ready for their presentations.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will work to make sure that Conference attendees know about the program and also promote the Futures report and best practices based on the pitches and the sharks comments at the program.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A Additional Concerns or Comments: N/A Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: YA Symposium Planning and Marketing

Chair's Name: Jane Gov

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Board Liaison: Gretchen Kolderup

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To assist YALSA staff with the planning, marketing and implementation of YALSA's 2015 Young Adult Literature Symposium, including the creation and maintenance of a space on the YALSA wiki that will be the primary marketing tool for the event, vetting symposium papers and proposals, vetting scholarship applications and more.

Members will regularly add content to the wiki in order to build excitement for and share information about the event. Members will work with YALSA's Web Services Manager to create and assist with the implementation of a marketing plan. Members work with presenters leading up to the symposium to ensure high quality programs.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The task force marketed the symposium on social media, yalsa blog, and local or professional listservs. We finalized the slate of programs (including identifying pre-conferences). We also helped select authors for the opening, closing speeches, and luncheons.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Programming
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Continue posting, marketing, and generally stirring up excitement for the symposium. At Annual, we'll work with any YALSA member groups who are participating in the event and promote the event and encourage registration.

Make an announcement during YALSA membership meeting.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? More marketing! We'll continue to share the program topics through listservs and connect with members at annual--maybe at the happy hour. Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Group: Alex Award

Chair's Name: Angela Craig

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Board Liaison: Carla Land (through June)

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The Alex Awards are given to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We currently have 164 active requests, with 19 nominations so far. We have had one video chat to talk about our first round of titles. We have been very active via email using the alex dl. A practice that I have implemented for this year is to limit committee members request load to 20 titles at a time. This seems to help members stay focused and keep on task with their reading pile. I also have been heavily encouraging committee members to make an effort to vet titles before officially requesting, resulting in more "Read, Not Requested" updates and a more thoughtful requests. An excellent best practice is requiring the committee members to create their 40 word annotation when they submit their official nomination in the Alex "Suggest a Title" page. This will help us greatly when we make our final list in January.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Audience/Teens Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: The committee members are actively seeking teen feedback on many of our current nominations.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To prepare for Annual we will read all nominations prior to June 15th. Our goal is full committee readership of the current nominated titles for Annual so we can have a robust conversation. After Annual we will regroup and continue with our long read, as we call it. I plan to have several more video conferences to discuss titles. Our current methods seem to be effective.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I am going to put in a request with Anna Lam for members to submit recommendations to the Alex Committee on the "Suggest a Title" page.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None at this time.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None at this time.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

No

Group: Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Sarah Hashimoto

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Board Liaison: Jennifer Korn

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select, annotate, and present for publication an annual list of notable audio recordings significant to young adults from those released in the past two years.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

March: In keeping with last year's commitment to seek out committee suggestions, Sarah encouraged committee members to seek out suggestions and to make suggestions themselves, rather than waiting for publisher submissions to come in. Traditionally, the first submissions don't come in until mid-March, and Sarah thought that it was important for the committee to get experience before that time. We did receive many committee suggestions from February through March, which meant that the committee could start listening immediately. By the end of March, we received 18 committee suggestions, of which 11 have already been nominated by the committee. Of the remaining 7 suggestions, 5 have not yet been voted on, and 2 have received no votes.

We received our first publisher submissions (9 titles) in February, which is quite a bit earlier than usual. The bulk of the submissions were received in mid-March, however. As is so often the case, we encountered some problems in the initial round of evaluating and voting. Because this year's committee has so many new members, Sarah thought it would be helpful to hold a couple of online Hangout sessions in order to address committee members' questions in real-time. These sessions were held at the end of February and the beginning of March. All but two members were able to attend at least one information session, and the results were quite promising. Sarah was especially happy to see that Cindy and Daniel, both returning members, were able to take on a mentoring position, freely answering questions and offering advice. In addition to dispensing important information, these sessions were a great way to bring the committee together and help members get to know each other. The benefits, both in terms of personal connections and improved performance, were immediately apparent. This practice may be a good one to continue in future years.

The most serious problem encountered by the newest members of the group centers on casting votes when a member has been assigned as a second listener (maybe votes). This process is complicated, and as the first votes in maybe situations were cast, it became immediately apparent that the members did not have a solid understanding of the voting process. In order to alleviate this problem and give the new members additional support, Sarah asked Melanie, our Administrative Assistant, to temporarily assign second listeners only to seasoned committee members. This revised assignment will mean that newer committee members will have the chance to gain hands-on experience with the maybe voting process while working with a more experienced member. When the newer members are better acquainted with this process, Melanie will begin assigning second listeners to them. Sarah expects that the current configuration will continue through June and may be revised after the Annual Meeting.

In March, Melanie contacted various publishers and was able to have copies of nominated titles (from suggestions rather than regular submissions) sent to all committee members. Melanie has done a great job in staying on top of this task, and as a result, we are able to fully consider all of the titles that have been nominated thus far.

April: In April, we received a couple of Field Suggestions. Both were ineligible, as they had been considered by the committee last year. Sarah was pleased to see these suggestions, however, and encouraged the two people who submitted these suggestions to keep bringing titles to our attention. Both suggestions were received after Sarah sent out a tweet encouraging people to make field suggestions. Since YALSA retweeted Sarah's original tweet, the message was sent out to a large number of people. It's encouraging to see that people are reading and responding.

Committee suggestions dramatically increased in April, with one member (Janis) suggesting 21 titles! By the end of April, the committee had 40 committee suggestions to consider. The titles which Janis suggested raised an interesting question, since several of these have not yet been published, and many are recently published. The problem with committee suggestions is that members often have access in a variety of formats, from CDs to MP3s to Playaways and digital downloads. This becomes problematic when a member needs to point to a particular track or location, since different formats list the times differently. In this regard, publisher submissions are far superior, as each member is given an identical copy of the title. With this in mind, Sarah asked members to wait for 1-2 months after publication before suggesting a title. In this way, we can ensure that we catch any titles that might have been overlooked, while at the same time allowing sufficient time for the publishers to submit copies for our consideration.

The increase in committee suggestions also raised a question of whether committee members should note the type of format when indicating whether or not they have access to a title through their library. Some formats (CDs and MP3s) are preferable to others (OverDrive, OneClickDigital, Playaways, etc.), in large part because CDs and MP3s allow members to accurately note timestamps. With other formats, members are not able to make such detailed notes, which is a definite disadvantage. With this in mind, Sarah asked committee members to list the format (CD, MP3, etc.) on the shared AAYA assignment document. Sarah also asked Melanie to give priority to members with access through

CDs or MP3s first, in order to make it possible for members to submit the most accurate and detailed evaluations possible.

In April, Listening Library once again invited the committee to brunch at the ALA Annual conference. Most of our members are able to attend, and we are all looking forward to it!

May: Submissions from publishers are becoming more steady. As of the writing of this report, we have received submissions from the following

publishers:

Listening Library

HighBridge

Blackstone

Recorded Books

Penguin Audio

Simon & Schuster

L.A. Theater Works

Dog Ear Audio

Scholastic Audio

Both Penguin and Scholastic are submitting digital editions via share sites for downloading with a password.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Literacies

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Members will listen to publisher-submitted titles and seek out titles for the committee to consider. Sarah will encourage members to continue to look for titles to consider and also spread the word about field nominations on the various lines of communication available to selection committees by YALSA.

Melanie, our administrative assistant, will continue to be in touch with publishers and keep the line of communication open so that we can ensure that they submit titles to our committee for consideration. Melanie and Sarah will work together in order to put out a second call for submissions in order to increase the number of submissions that the committee receives. Sarah and Melanie will also target publishers who submitted titles in the past but have not submitted titles this year. The committee will meet at the ALA Annual Conference and review the titles that have been nominated thus far and also address any questions or concerns that may have arisen.

In the next few months, Sarah will focus more heavily on soliciting digitally submitted titles and creating a more balanced relationship with publishers who are more comfortable with digital submissions. Some of this work will occur through email correspondence, but Sarah also hopes to cement existing relationships and connect with new publishers in the exhibit hall at the upcoming Annual Conference.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We plan to submit a call for field suggestions for audiobooks for the committee to consider. We also plan to submit the monthly list of our current nominations.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

In the latter part of February and the beginning of March, we had some problems with members not understanding the various committee documents as well as the workload and expectations. Several of the new members were not posting their votes in the correct place and were not following the established procedures for placing votes and communicating with fellow committee members. The online Hangout answered many questions and helped most of the new members get back on track. A couple of other members did require additional follow-ups, including emails and a phone call. For the most part, these problems have been resolved. The revamping of the second listener process has been helpful in this regard and has allowed new members to get more comfortable with the regular voting process before complicating matters with second listener votes.

Sarah started monthly check-ins at the end of February and has conducted check-ins at the end of March and April, too. Since we did not have many titles to consider at the end of February, the February check-ins were more of a trial run, giving members a chance to know what to expect in subsequent months. By March, it was clear that two members were falling behind in their listening. Sarah spoke with both members, and both were quick to respond. These members have picked up slightly in their listening, but their progress will continue to be monitored. In order to avoid a backup, Sarah asked Melanie to reduce the number of titles that are assigned to these members until their listening picks up.

Additional Concerns or Comments: There are none at this time.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: BFYA

Chair's Name: Thea Hashagen

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Board Liaison: Carla Land

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: YALSA's Best Fiction for Young Adults Committee selects significant fiction books (not including graphic novels) published for young adults and annotates the selected titles.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? To date, we have nominated 50 titles for review at annual.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Audience/Teens Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: We have discussed teen appeal as it relates to the titles nominated to date.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We plan to have a list of 50-60 nominees by our self-imposed deadline of June 1. We will meet at annual to hear teen feedback and discuss the nominated titles. We will also have the opportunity to get to know each other as a committee in person, which should facilitate future online discussion in July and throughout the rest of the year.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will share the list of nominees via individual committee members's Twitter feeds--the list will also be shared more formally by YALSA on its website, Twitter feed, and Facebook page.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: No major concerns as of yet. We lost one member early on but her replacement hit the ground running and has been very active. The nominations are fairly well-distributed. There are a few people who have been very quiet/not nominated any titles yet, and I have reached out to them by individual email. They are keeping up with the work and are shy. I feel that once the group meets in June and gets to know each other/discuss titles in person, this issue will correct itself. I'll also ensure that everyone has a chance to speak and be heard in June, especially those who have been quiet to date.

Additional Concerns or Comments: The teen feedback session--I know the cap is supposed to be 50, and I know in Chicago we had far more than 50. Just wanted to make sure that we didn't exceed again, as we want to hear from everyone.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Books for Teens

Chair's Name: Nicole Scherer

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Board Liaison: Nicole McDonald

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Work with YALSA's Web Services Manager and Web Advisory Committee to help promote the Books for Teens project and inform members of the opportunity to receive funds. Vet applications for the Books for Teens project with the goal of selecting the winners, as funds become available.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We are currently evaluating several applications for grants. We have received five applications in total.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Literacies
- Outreach/Partnerships

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

To continue to evaluate grant applications as they are submitted.

To continue to promote the grant through social media and direct, informal communications by our members at conferences, meetings, roundtables and other opportunities as they arise.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will publicize the news of any grant winners through ENews and any other appropriate channels, in addition to continual advocacy of this opportunity for YALSA members.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Conference and Travel Scholarships Jury

Chair's Name: Sarah Wethern

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Board Liaison: Nicola L. McDonald

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with YALSA's Web Services Manager to widely promote the scholarship and to select annually three YALSA members who will receive funds to travel to the ALA Annual Conference. Two selectees will be librarians or library workers (one whose focus is school libraries and the other whose focus is public libraries) who work with or for young adults to receive the Baker & Taylor/YALSA Conference Scholarship, and to annually select one graduate student in the field of library and information science to receive the Dorothy Broderick Conference Scholarship. Promotion of the scholarships takes place from July through June. Judging the applications takes place Dec. and Jan. Term: July 1 through the following June. Jury size: 5 virtual members, including the chair and at least one member from the previous year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Continued promotion of the scholarships in order to create a large pool of candidates.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To continue to promote the scholarships so the incoming chair will hopefully have a nice pool of candidates.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Just reiterating, especially to new YALSA members who haven't been to Annual, that the scholarships are available and definitely something to try to take advantage of as it is a great service YALSA and Baker & Taylor provides.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Great Book Giveaway Jury

Chair's Name: Kelly Chaney

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Board Liaison: Nicola McDonald

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Judge applications for the YALSA Great Book Giveaway Award What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Award winners have been sending in thanks and pictures of books arriving.

Congratulations emails were sent to each winner. Committee members have been publicizing the award for next year.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Collections
- Outreach/Partnerships

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue publicizing the award and application procedures What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The PR for the award will be shared via social media, listservs, and networking at local, district, state, regional and national events.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Great Graphic Novels for Teens

Chair's Name: Jason M. Poole

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Board Liaison: Krista McKenzie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually prepare an annotated list of significant titles in a graphic novel format that appeal to a young adult audience.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have a list of nominated titles that we will discuss at ALA annual. We have had some discussion on ALA Connect.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Collections

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Discussions over email and on ALA connect What is your group's workplan for the next three months? to continue to submit nominations up to ALA annual and to discuss those nominations at annual. Then to continue the nomination process.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I may submit another request for suggestions for the newsletter.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None at this time Additional Concerns or Comments: None at this time Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: MAE Award Jury

Chair's Name: Tony Carmack

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Board Liaison: Carrie Kausch

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: This award honors a YALSA member for developing an outstanding reading or literature program for young adults.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Whereas in the immediate weeks after the announcement of the recipient of the MAE Award for Best Literature Program for Teens promotion was on the winner's methods and successes, these recent months have been communicating about the award peer-to-peer. Members of the jury, in their professional networks, have been telling their colleagues about the award, especially since the very program-rich SRP approaches, to consider applying for the award. Sarah Wethern , YALSA's Annual Conference Scholarships Jury Chair, helped promote the MAE Award through the Summer Reading/Learning Programming Twitter Chat in May.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Programming
- Youth Participation

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The Jury will continue to make fellow YALSA members aware of the award.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The Jury will continue to make fellow YALSA members aware of the award. Some members of the jury are attending ALA Annual and will be able to let teen librarians know about the award face to face.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: It's difficult to garner enthusiasm not only from jury members but from the larger YALSA community to be thinking about the award so far out to deadline; we're too busy planning for SRP and the programs themselves. I e-mailed jury members once a month, which did keep the attention going.

Additional Concerns or Comments: It would be great if professional award committees would get some guidelines about promotion. The majority of the work involves promotion--assessing the applications and scoring them, while intense and a lot of work, only lasts for about a month. Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: 2016 Margaret A. Edwards Award

Chair's Name: Valerie Davis

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Board Liaison: krista.mckenzie

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To select a living author or co-author as well as a specific body of his or her work, who has made a significant and lasting contribution to literature for young adults.

The book or books should be accepted by young people as an authentic voice that continues to illuminate their experiences and emotions, giving insight into their lives.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

In the past three months the committee has had discussions about:

- *The scope of the Award.
- *Made our primary nominations of authors to begin our discussion.
- *Created reading lists and time frames.
- *Set up a series of video chats that will happen pre annual.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Literacies

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other:

As the group's work is closed we are keeping in mind, teens, collections, and literacy in all our discussion and nominations as this a large portion of the award.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

- *All primary books that have been mentioned for each author nominated must be completed .
- *3 video chats will happen where the current merits of each author and their body of work as it relates to teens will take place in June.
- *The primary list will be cut down to approximately half of its current size where even more in-depth discussion about specific authors will take place.
- *Author works may be added or subtracted as needed.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? In the next three months, nothing. When the award is announced, I plan to promote it in all forms of YALSA media.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: 2015 Nonfiction Award

Chair's Name: Gregory Lum

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Board Liaison: Jennifer Korn

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best nonfiction title published for young adults between Nov. 1 and Oct. 31 of the current year, available in English in the United States and, if desired, to also select honor titles.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Updated publishers spreadsheet as needed.

Contacted publishers as needed.

Co-presenting with Jennifer Lorentz-Smith for a graduate-level YA course at University of Washington.

Emailed bi-weekly updates to committee.

Actively using ALA Connect for committee nominations.

Started thread on ALA Connect about preparing for Annual.

Mailed thank you notes to committee during National Volunteer Week in April.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Meet face-to-face at annual in San Francisco to discuss nominated titles.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Will seek field recommendations.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: One committee member is not reading and responding to other committee members' posts. She definitely would have trouble on BFYA or Printz. I have called her a couple of times without success. I also communicated this concern with Jennifer Korn.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Katie Salo

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Board Liaison: Sarah Townsend Committee

Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually prepare one to five annotated list(s) of approximately twenty-five recommended paperback titles, selected from popular genres, themes or topics.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

This month our committee decided on subtitles and wrote descriptions for each of our four lists. These subtitles and descriptions are now posted on YALSA's website. Our first round of nominations were submitted by May 1st and are now available on YALSA's website.

Additionally, committee members nominated 60 titles for consideration. We also received 47 field submissions (most from our administrative assistant) to date. Four of the titles submitted are ineligible either due to previously appearing on a PPYA list within the last five years or not being widely available in paperback.

Members are discussing books via ALA Connect and continue to read widely to seek out other potential nominations.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Other (Please explain below)

other: Using ALA Connect and email to discuss and build a booklist for librarians to use for collection and professional development that teens will benefit from.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

We will continue to read and discuss the list of nominated titles, as well as decide to second field nominations. We will continue to read widely to find further title to nominate.

During the summer, subcommittees will being to meet virtually to discuss titles in virtual chats through ALA Connect.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will continue to submit nominations monthly. Additionally, we will start reaching out to YALSA members through YALSA e-news and The Hub to reminder members that they have a chance to submit field nominations.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: 2015 Printz Committee

Chair's Name: Diane Colson

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Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select from the previous year's publications the best young adult book ("best" being defined solely in terms of literary merit) and, if the Committee so decides, as many as four Honor Books.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Preparing for Printz Program to be held at ALA Annual in San Francisco. We've been working on the script and soliciting questions from YALSA members. An article on the process of choosing the Printz Award was published in YALS, Spring, 2015.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Collections
- Programming
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Making sure the Printz Program goes smoothly.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Will continue asking for questions for Printz Award and Honor authors during the Q&A section of the program at Annual.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: We are not corresponding as regularly, but I believe all will pull together to make the program a success.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: 2016 Printz Committee

Chair's Name: April Witteveen

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Board Liaison: Rachel McDonald

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select from the previous year's publications the best young adult book ("best" being defined solely in terms of literary merit) and, if the Committee so decides, as many as four Honor Books. The Committee will also have the opportunity for input into the oversight and planning of the Printz Awards Program.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? As of May 12, the committee has read 122 titles and has submitted 14 titles for nomination. This year's committee has chosen to track "who's reading what" on a Google Doc. We have been meeting each month in a virtual setting, using either ALA Connect for a group chat or Google Hangouts for face-to-face meetings. I have been working closely with Administrative Assistant Melissa T. Smith to ensure our committee members get copies of all nominated titles. A variety of field suggestions have come in with only a handful that actually meet publication criteria, etc. Many of the field suggestions are coming from small presses and are proving to be tricky to track down as far as getting copies goes. Thusly, I've asked Melissa to just request one copy for me as Chair. If I'm unable to read them all for vetting purposes I will pass them on to other committee members.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to read and review leading up to ALA Annual; we are set to meet for a total of 9 hours over two days for book discussion and initial voting. Monthly meetings will occur in May and July.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? After seeing where we stand with current nominations after Annual, I could put out a reminder via e-news about field suggestions. We have a pretty full plate right now though, so I don't want to overload us.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Everyone seems to be doing the reading; some have more rigorous reading schedules than others, but I feel overall that this is prioritized in the majority of committee members' lives. We do have one member who is working in a very short-staffed library and sometimes requires a bit of extra nudging in order to keep up-to-date on spreadsheets, etc, but nothing really worrisome. Nominations have come from a good representation of committee members, almost everyone has submitted a nom.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Odyssey Award

Chair's Name: Dawn Rutherford

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Board Liaison: Rachel McDonald

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States, and to also select honor titles.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Our list was decided upon at Midwinter, so there has not been much work to do since then. The committee has been monitoring social media, and was especially pleased with The Booklist Odyssey Interview in the March 15th issue (p. 86). We are very pleased with our decisions and the work we did together as a team.

The publisher of the winner has invited us to a private celebration lunch with the narrators. What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Literacies

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc) other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are looking forward to the award presentation at annual. I will be working with Booklist on the presentation and with the narrators in advance to make it as smooth and exhilarating as possible :) What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Nothing new to report.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: All is well.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I saw ALSC is having a pre-conference called Distinguished and Diverse: Celebrate the 2015 ALSC Honor Books. I'm a bit surprised they didn't include the Odyssey winner. Rebecca Vnuk check in with them and it is only focused on books, but may change in the future. Too bad...it would have been a great fit!

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Morris Award Committee

Chair's Name: Nichole King

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Board Liaison: Rachel McDonald

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select and annotate from the previous year's publications a short list of five of the best young adult books written by a first time author, then to select one winner from among the five.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the past three months we have identified over 80 titles so far to be considered for the award. We have made contacts with over 100 publishers to introduce the award and its' criteria as well as all the contacts of the committee members. This has resulted in over 30 submissions so far. We have all met as a group twice on google hangouts where we discuss titles that have been read by members and made decisions regarding nomination, etc. We also have an active ALA connect to continue discussions in between virtual meetings.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Collections

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We have one more virtual meeting on google hangouts (last Sunday of the month). We will continue to seek out and research debut titles and add to our list, as well as stay in contact with publishers. We will meet at ALA Annual in San Francisco, as well as use our time there to meet personally with publishers at the exhibits. What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I am planning to write a small paragraph and send it to YALSA-BK to encourage other YALSA members to nominate titles.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: At one point we had a member who hadn't selected any books to read or marked that they had received any books. When I brought it up to her we realized it was a technical error with google docs and everything was resolved quickly.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Quick Picks For Reluctant Young Adult Readers

Chair's Name: Erik Carlson

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Board Liaison: Carla Land

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers list identifies titles aimed at encouraging reading among teens who dislike to read for whatever reason. The list selects both fiction and nonfiction. Select a link below to view the full annotated Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers lists.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Over the last 3 months we started to nominate titles. We have 65 titles nominated to date.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Literacies

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

We will be meeting for the first time at ALA Annual in San Francisco where we will discuss the nominated titles. After the meeting we will continue to nominate more titles.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I plan to share updates to our list of nominated titles through YALSA's weekly newsletter.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Student Member Engagement Task Force

Chair's Name: Mary Anne Nichols

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Board Liaison: Shannon Peterson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Work with YALSA staff to:

- 1) Inventory YALSA's online presence to identify content of specific interest to LIS students and promote this content via the student listserv, YALSA E-news, and other communication channels. Determine missing content and make recommendations for creating it;
- 2) Identify what LIS students learn in library school and where the gaps are that YALSA might address;
- 3) Compile a list of resume building resources, sample resumes, resume writing tips, FAQs, job search tips, etc. and post on YALSA's wiki;
- 4) Recommend additional special programming or resources YALSA might provide for LIS students by evaluating existing and conducting new surveys as needed to determine student needs;
- 5) Determine what additional ways beyond the mentoring program that YALSA can provide access to leadership development and experienced members.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

The chair requested a list of YALSA members who teach in LIS. This list was compared to a list from the ALISE youth services interest group for overlap.

The results were a list of about 100 people who teach in the area of youth services. The task force developed a brief survey to send to this group.

Questions in the survey focused on topics related to young adult library services covered in LIS curricula. Questions also focused on the use of YALSA resources in these classes. A few open ended questions hope to identify gaps in LIS and YALSA resources. The survey was launched and results will be provided to YALSA in June. These results can be helpful in future planning for YALSA and directly addresses the second objective stated in the task force's function statement.

After the new student member section of the YALSA website was launched, the task force tweeted about its existence, posted a notice to the YALSA student member listserv, and place a short blurb in YALSA e-news to draw attention to it. In addition, task force member Eti Berland emailed most of the student chapters on the list from the ALA website to share the new website section.

The following is a list of chapters who shared the information either through social media or their own student listservs or even during in-person gatherings.

UCLA's ALA Student Chapter

Young Adult and Children's Services organization at the iSchool at UCLA ALA Student Chapter at the State University of New York at Buffalo University of North Texas Library and Information Science Student Association Queens College Graduate School of Library and

Information Studies Student Association Rutgers Association of School Librarians ALA Student Chapter at San Jose State University SLIS University of Iowa ALA Student Chapter University at Buffalo ALA Student Chapter ALA student chapter at Syracuse University University of Wisconsin ALA-Student Chapter ALA Student Chapter at the University of Rhode Island ALA Student Chapter of Indiana University ALA Student Chapter at UMD iSchool Additionally it has been shared in the teen services class taught at Kent State University and will be highlighted in their social media. Eti reports that in general, the response from student chapter contacts was one of eagerness to share these resources with students. This bodes well for future publicity and long-term use of the new section.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:
Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The term for this task force officially ends on June 30, 2015. The months of May and June will be used to compile the results of the survey to LIS faculty. A report of this will be shared with the YALSA board.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The group members are determining who will be responsible for sharing information from our inventory.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Since February, several of the task force members'

participation has been missing. I believe that the length of the term (2 years) was such that some members have lost interest, lost focus, and moved on to other things.

There are three of us doing the work now. I still include everyone in all communication and actions, but there has not been response.

The two other members who do respond are very helpful as we work toward the end of our term.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

No

Group: Teens' Top Ten Committee

Chair's Name: Stacy Holbrook

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Board Liaison: Rachel McDonald

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To facilitate the exchange of information and galleys of books published within the current and previous publishing years among the voting teen group members as well as the non-voting members; to annually prepare the "Teens' Top 10" list for Teen Read Week; and to coordinate the public electronic vote. To assist with the collection and vetting of applications from libraries who wish to host an official reading group.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

* We collected and compiled the top 75 nominations for TTT Groups to vote upon; the TTT Groups then voted, narrowing down the list to the official 25 nominations which will be voted upon by teens in the summer/fall

* We have created a schedule for the TTT groups to post to the Hub

* Along with two other committee members, we wrote an article for YALS explaining the history and processes of TTT, published in the current issue What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Programming
- Literacies
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

* We are currently reviewing the TTT Giveaway Applications, choosing 60 recipients and 5 alternates from the 74 applications eligible

* We are currently working on book trailers for the 2015 TTT Nominations which do not have an official book trailer--these will be posted to the TTT YouTube Channel

* We are continuing to gather nominations from teens in the TTT Groups, and sending reviews to publishers What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it?

* We will be announcing the TTT Giveaway winners through the YALSA e-newsletter

* We will announce the book trailers when completed in June through the e-newsletter and TTT website Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: One member has not participated in any of the TTT activities. Though I continue to include her in the group emails, with hopes of participation, I am not counting on it--the other members are very happy to participate and work well to fill in any gaps.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Writing Award Jury

Chair's Name: David Wang

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Board Liaison: Carla Land

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The YALSA Writing Award recognizes the contribution of YALSA members who have written an article or blog post for the association's journals or blogs that is timely, original, relevant to YALSA members, and well-written. The purpose of the cash award will be to reward members' work and to encourage members to contribute to their professional publications.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Our jury work was completed after the end of ALA Conference Midwinter (February 3, 2015). We selected (1) winner for each of the four categories:

Young Adult Library Services, the Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults, the YALSAblog, and The Hub: YALSA's YA Literature Blog. Our work was publicized through a press release dated February 10, 2015 (<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2015/02/yalsa-honors-four-members-yalsa-writing-award>).

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Programming
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We attempt to discuss future committee, jury or other volunteer opportunities in YALSA to remain engaged, committed and active in our organization. Also, we may meet up during ALA Annual 2015 to discuss our experiences.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I have personally shared my experiences with someone who I am mentoring as a YALSA mentor. Amelia Vander Heide has shown an interest in becoming more active with YALSA and hopes to participate initially by volunteering for the YALSA Writing Award jury. I hope to also speak with other members of the YALSA administration during ALA Annual to advocate on her behalf.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 5: Not Accomplished Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A

Committee work was completed.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

No

RESEARCH & BEST PRACTICES

Group: Midwinter Paper Presentation Committee

Chair's Name: Sandra Hughes-Hassell

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Board Liaison: Vicky Emery

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Plan and implement an annual research-focused paper presentation to be given at the Midwinter Meeting on a topic of general interest to those who work with young adults in libraries, including: working with YALSA's Web Services Manager to promote the call for papers, vetting the applicants and working with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events to plan the presentation at Midwinter.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We are in the recruitment phase of the work. Committee members have used listservs and social media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.) to distribute the call for proposals. The first call was distributed in March; the second May 1. Deadline for submissions is June 1. As of May 1 we had received 2 proposals.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.: Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will review the proposals and select the award winner. The winner will be selected, and all applicants will be notified by September 1, 2015.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The committee will be deliberating. Once the winner is selected, we will use social media, YALSA publication venues to announce the winner and publicize the event.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

No

Group: National Guidelines Oversight Committee

Chair's Name: Katherine Trouern-Trend

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Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Oversee YALSA's portfolio of national guidelines, including performing such tasks as: working with staff to disseminate and promote the guidelines; regularly evaluating the existing guidelines and making recommendations to YALSA's Board for updating or revising guidelines and/or the need to create supplementary materials or tools; assisting staff with establishing and maintaining liaisons with appropriate decision makers and stakeholders, both inside and outside the library profession, that monitor and evaluate the performance of teen services programs and librarians.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Organized committee work in google docs for transfer to ALA Connect Completed and submitted proposals for Tasks 3 & 4 - promoting the national

guidelines: Twitter chats, YALSA Academy Videos and Call to Bloggers Hosted two of three YALSA chats to promote the new Teen Programming

Guidelines: March 17 - College & Career Readiness; April 14 - Connected

Learning: Summer Reading/Summer Learning What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Programming
- Literacies
- Youth Participation
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Complete transfer of committee work from google docs to ALA Connect Host third of three YALSA twitter chats to promote the new Teen Programming

Guidelines: May 19 - Connected Learning: Partnerships Create two YALSA Academy Videos to promote the new Teen Programming Guidelines Begin the Call to Bloggers initiative on May 20, a call to YALSA members with personal/professional blogs to share ideas, expertise, resources, programming around key areas in new Teen Programming Guidelines including connected learning, digital literacy, community needs, college & career readiness.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will share information on our promotional activities via YALSA e-news, twitter, facebook and listservs.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Literacies Task Force

Chair's Name: Greta Bergquist

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Board Liaison: Joy Kim

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

The taskforce will create a variety of resources to help members learn about expanded literacies and how libraries can embrace a role in helping teens increase literacy skills in order to increase their value in their community. Activities include: creating a literacies toolkit to be released in conjunction with 2014 Teen Read Week; creating Academy videos that explain the various literacies; expanding and maintaining the literacies page on YALSA's public wiki on an ongoing basis and encouraging members to contribute to the content there; as requested by the YALSAblog Manager, identify bloggers to regularly create literacy related posts; as requested by the YALS Editor, identify authors to write literacy related articles; identify topics for issue and position papers and work with the Publications Advisory Board to find authors. Taskforce size: 7

- 9 virtual members, including the chair. Term of appointment: April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Our committee is currently working towards drafting the Literacies toolkit for YALSA members on supporting literacy for teens in libraries, intending it for 2015 Teen Read Week.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Programming
- Literacies
- Staffing
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Finishing our draft of the Literacies Toolkit. I would also like to work towards sharing more of the info we've been working on in the YALSAblog or newblasts or social media.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We've got a lot to go into the toolkit and the resources that won't be listed there are still important, so we might add those to the YALSA wiki. I also hope to connect with Crystle Martin at DML2015 in June to check in about best supporting the YALSA blog.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None at this time.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Research Committee

Chair's Name: Stephanie Barta

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Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To stimulate, encourage, guide, and direct the research needs of the field of young adult library services, and to regularly compile abstracts, disseminate research findings, update YALSA's Research Agenda as needed and to liaise with ALA's Committee on Research & Statistics.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Completing the Research Agenda and ALISE project. We submitted the YALSA & ALISE document at the beginning of the month and will have the Research Agenda submitted hopefully by the end of next week.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Library Space (physical and virtual)
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? N/a What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it?

We will submit our updated Research Agenda by the end of the month.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Some people were slow to respond or meet deadlines, but direct reminder emails did the trick. Now that we are getting close to the wire, the group has been really great about coming together to finish up the research agenda.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Research Journal Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Don Latham

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Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

YALSA's Research Journal Advisory Board oversees the peer reviewing process as outlined in the Refereeing Process Guidelines that were approved by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Editor of the journal by assisting with the solicitation of contributors and articles as well as generating ideas for topical articles or themes, when requested from the Member Editor.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The board continue to review manuscripts submitted to JRLYA, on an as-needed basis.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Collections

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: The board provided feedback and reviews as requested by the JRLYA editor.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to review manuscripts when requested to do so.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it?

None--unless asked to do so by the JRLYA editor.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

No

Group: RUSA/YALSA - Young Adult Reference

Chair's Name: Jessi Schulte-Honstad

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Board Liaison: Carrie Kausch

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Stimulate, encourage, and develop resources for the field of young adult reference library services via the following 1) Provide forums for discussion, sharing, and learning relating to the provision of reference, information, and homework help services for and with young adults; 2) Develop reference-related trainings and present them to library and youth serving organizations via webinars, conferences, institutes, etc.; 3) Publish information relating to best practices, new research, trends, etc. in the young adult reference field in Division and library community blogs and publications; 4) Periodically evaluate and update as necessary the Guidelines for Library Services to Teens developed by a joint RUSA/YALSA task force in 2008.

Interdivisional

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Our Best Practices document for Homework Help has been edited for approval in RUSA's approval document and is likely to be on their docket for ALA Annual.

We have spoken with YALSA officials to make changes to the document for YALSA's needs.

We have almost completed those edits.

We have a Panel planned for ALA SAN FRAN to discuss common core in libraries.

We have a meeting scheduled for ALA SAN FRAN with the goal of updating the 2008 Document- Guidelines for library service to teens by RUSA/YALSA.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Literacies
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

To assign duties related to updating our 2008 Guidelines document.

To plan for an event/program for Midwinter.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I'd like to see the Homework Help Guidelines finished and published in that time.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: 2015 Summer Reading and Learning Taskforce

Chair's Name: Sarah Wethern

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Board Liaison: Vicki M. Emery

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To leverage state and local networks to promote the applications for summer reading grants. To vet the applicants for the summer reading mini grants and by Feb. 2, 2015, choose the 20 applications that best convey a plan to enhance their YA collection to support summer reading according to eligibility requirements and responses to questions on the application form. To vet the applicants for the summer intern grants and choose the 20 best by Feb.16. To compile and/or create resources focused specifically on assisting librarians implement summer reading and learning programs and activities and add them to YALSA's wiki as they are developed. To seed discussions and share resources on the Summer Reading and Learning Ning.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have talked about ways to promote summer programs and how we can use YALSA's resources to promote the Ning. On May 13 we had a twitter chat about what programs teen librarians are creating for summer. There were some great ideas and they will be added to the Ning. There will be another chat on June 2 about promoting and getting teens into the doors of the library for summer. I fear I should have scheduled these chats way back in February or March judging by the feedback we received on twitter. Good thing to learn for the next committee.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Programming
- Outreach/Partnerships

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To continue to promote the Ning as much as possible in order to generate interest there. To have another member engagement Twitter chat.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? To continue to promote the Ning as much as possible in order to generate interest there.

To have another member engagement Twitter chat.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: The Hub Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Allison Tran

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Board Liaison: Joy Kim

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The Hub Advisory Board participates in the development and maintenance of the Hub and follows the guidelines for the site as set out by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Advisory Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Manager of the site and assists with the collection of content for the site, generates ideas for content, works on getting teen and librarian input and feedback, facilitates marketing and PR as needed, and writes for the site as needed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

- Continued coordinating and promoting The 2015 Hub Reading Challenge. The Hub Advisory Board members contribute weekly check-in posts to engage participants, moderate a Goodreads group to encourage discussion, and promote via social media.
- Recruited several new bloggers to The Hub, including teen bloggers.
- Communicated to the Hub bloggers about the new vision for The Hub which will officially be adopted when the new Hub Manager comes on board later this year, and encouraged bloggers to start thinking about aligning content with the new vision in advance of the official change. This resulted in several bloggers contributing posts covering media/pop culture and feeling less constricted to cover only print media.
- Continued our effort to increase our coverage of diversity in YA lit, as seen in posts about women in comics, Asian women's history in YA books, and a reading list for International Women's Day.
- Continued our coverage of selected lists and awards.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Collections
- Youth Participation
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

- Wrap up the 2015 Hub Reading Challenge, announce the winner and reach out to all finishers with an invitation to contribute a "reader response" post to The Hub.
- Create a plan for highlighting the 2015 Teens' Top Ten nominees between June and October.
- Coordinate coverage of YA lit related events and programs at the ALA Annual Conference, with an emphasis on more live coverage of the conference as it happens.
- Continue to recruit new Hub bloggers.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? • We will continue to promote the Hub Reading Challenge in the YALSA e-news and on YALSA's listservs.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: The Hub Advisory Board continues to work well together despite the fact that several of us are pressed for time due to work and other commitments. We have asked for an additional member to be appointed to the group to help distribute our work.

Additional Concerns or Comments: The Hub Advisory Board members continue to be a pleasure to work with, and I appreciate Joy Kim's involvement as a board liaison.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: Website Advisory Committee

Chair's Name: Whitney Winn

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Board Liaison: Sarah Sogigian

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To regularly assist the YALSA Web Services Manager with the oversight and maintenance of YALSA's online presence, including but not limited to its wiki and social media channels. To liaise with YALSA member groups, member editors and member blog managers regarding the use of YALSA's website and social media tools in their work for the Division; to liaise with the ALA Web Advisory Committee; and to recommend, develop and update policies for YALSA's web presence to the YALSA Board. What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee is working on evaluating YALSA website content so that the main ALA site and the YALSA site are better aligned and use common language. The committee submitted items promoting Wiki content related to ALA Annual to the YALSA E-News. The committee chair continues to monitor the Wiki and delete spam content.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

Professional Development Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as

apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The committee will wrap up their work on the website content and submit recommended changes to Beth Yoke and Anna Lam. The group will also continue to write web resource tips for the E-News and monitor the Wiki for spam. The chair will prepare materials to pass on to the incoming chair at the end of June.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The group will continue promoting YALSA web resources, especially select Wiki pages, through E-News and social media in coordination with Anna Lam.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

No participation concerns.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes

Group: YALSAblog

Chair's Name: Crystle Martin

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Board Liaison: Maureen Hartman

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The mission of the YALSAblog is to provide a virtual space for publishing timely information about emerging and new practices for library services for and with teens, to explore practices in related fields relevant to teen services, to raise awareness about appropriate YALSA tools to facilitate innovation in teen services, and to provide resources for members and the library community to support their efforts to continuously improve their overall teen services program.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have published a steady stream of posts. Including last months 30 days of Teen Programming, where we posted nearly a post a day. We have also added several new bloggers in the last three months.

What topics of skills in the Futures Report [1] were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Audience/Teens
- Library Space (physical and virtual)
- Programming
- Literacies
- Youth Participation
- Outreach/Partnerships
- Professional Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I will continue to recruit new bloggers. We are hoping to add a couple of more recurring monthly posts. I will continue to fill open spots on the recurring weekly posts so that the leads only are responsible for one post per month. I will continue outreach to guest bloggers and YALSA committees for blog posts.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Being that my committee is the YALSA blog, we are constantly sharing information with the YALSA membership through new posts.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2 Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report?

Yes