

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Denver
February 9 – 12, 2018**

Topic: Establish a Pura Belpré Interdivisional Taskforce
Background: At the 2017 ALA Annual Conference Ruth Quiroa submitted a request for board action for YALSA to work with ALSC and REFORMA to expand the award to include YA titles. Sandra Hughes-Hassell and Nina Lindsay have presented the proposal below for the Board’s consideration. This proposal was presented for the board’s consideration via virtual discussion in December 2017. In order to be entered into the official record of the organization, this document is presented as a consent item for the Board’s 2018 Midwinter Meeting.

Action Required: Consent

Proposal

Assemble an interdivisional taskforce comprised of ALSC, REFORMA and YALSA representatives to explore the expansion of the Pura Belpré Award to include YA titles.

Rationale

Today’s teens are the most diverse generation ever, and they look to school and public libraries to provide resources that meet their needs and interests. By working with ALSC and REFORMA to expand the award to include YA titles, YALSA will be taking a step forward to better meet the needs and interests of today’s teens.

Proposed Taskforce Name and Charge

Expanding Recommended Materials for Latino Youth Taskforce

The task force should undertake these two charges in the following order:

1. Propose a detailed implementation plan to expand the Pura Belpré award to include YA books, using the YALSA Board proposal as a guideline and including the ALSC Board request to consult with the ALSC Budget Committee regarding sharing costs between ALSC and YALSA. The implementation plan should include a timeline that allows for the first award inclusive of YA to be presented by 2020, and detail all considerations that need to be addressed to update terms and criteria, procedures, and an MOU for all three organizations. In order to expedite the expansion, other changes to terms and criteria beyond inclusion of YA books should be held for later.

2. Explore options for providing recommendations of materials of interest to Latino youth. Consider questions from the ALSC Board as detailed in Task Force Resources; as well as the YALSA Board proposal and discussion, noting that an annual list would not conform w/ [YALSA's latest vision for readers' advisory/collection development](#). The YALSA Board asks that materials recommendations should happen year-round via the Hub. The task force may consider the questions regarding Belpré criteria as raised in the original proposal within the context of this exploration, and should note the ALSC & YALSA Board discussions on both matters.

Task Force Resources

- Original Proposal “[Thoughts on the Pura Belpre Award](#)” from Lucía Acosta and Ruth E. Quiroa
- Pura Belpré [Award Manual](#)
- [YALSA Board proposal](#) & [Informal Notes](#)
- [ALSC Board discussion](#)

Membership & Meetings

Two co-chairs (1 each from REFORMA and ALSC), plus 1-2 members each from YALSA, REFORMA, and ALSC (2 co-chairs + 4-6 members); the task force will function virtually.

Minimum Expectations for the Taskforce

Final recommendations on charge #1 due May 15, 2018, for voting by all three organizations at Annual conference 2018.

Final recommendations on charge #2 due Dec 15, 2018, for discussion at a Joint Executive Meeting at Midwinter for all three organizations and possible subsequent action by all three boards.

Financial Impact of Taskforce

- Cost of staff and member time to explore the issue

Measuring Impact

Number of viable recommendations from the taskforce that the ALSC, REFORMA and YALSA Boards select for implementation

Recommended Action

The Board directs the 2017 – 2018 President to work with ALSC and REFORMA to assemble a task force no later than Feb. 1, 2018 to carry out the work mentioned in this board document.

Additional Resources

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- [Pura Belpré Award web page](#)
- YALSA Annual 2017 Board Document #19: [Pura Belpré Award Expansion](#)