

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Atlanta
January 20 – 24, 2017**

Topic: Request for Board Action: Picture Books for YAs IG

Background: YALSA Member Diane Colson has submitted a petition to form a Picture Books for YAs Interest Group. Per Article X in the YALSA Bylaws, members may form Interest Groups on topics unrelated to standing committees via a petition containing 15 or more signatures of members who wish to participate in the group. Letitia Smith has confirmed that each of the individuals on the petition are current members of YALSA. Diane has presented this proposal for the board’s consideration at the 2017 Midwinter Meeting. (please note that the petition below has been amended to remove certain personal information to protect members’ privacy)

Action Required: Action

YALSA Discussion Group Formation Petition

Proposed Name of Group: Picture Books for Young Adults Interest Group

Proposed Mission of Group: The Picture Books for Young Adults Interest Group provides an opportunity for YALSA members to discover picture books that capture the interest of readers in middle school and high school. These books can serve as a bridge to more sophisticated reading materials, be appreciated for innovative artwork, or foster reading relationships with younger readers. This Interest Group contributes to the YALSA mission by: (1) Meeting the informational and recreational needs of young adults through the development of an appropriate collection for all types of readers and non-readers; (2) Contributing to knowledge and appreciation of literature for and by young adults in traditional and emerging formats; and (3) Developing a collection of materials from a broad range of selection sources, and for a variety of reading skill levels.

Proposed Convener’s Name: Diane Colson

Institution: City College - Gainesville

Member Signatures: Signatures may be collected virtually and must be from current YALSA members who agree to participate in the group, if it is established. 15 signatures are required.

1. Name: Mary Gensel
Institution: Pierre Moran Middle School

2. Name: Jessica Lorentz Smith
Institution: Bend Senior High School

3. Name: Jessica Hilbun Schwartz
Institution: Louisville Public Library

4. Name: Jennifer Fuchikami
Institution: Hawaii State Public Library System

5. Name: Kathryn Kania
Institution: Goodwin Memorial Library

6. Name: Kim Dare
Institution: Herndon High School

7. Name: Stefanie Hughes
Institution: N/A

8. Name: Maria Mastrocola
Institution: Minuteman High School

9. Name: Amanda Melilli
Institution: University of Nevada, Las Vegas

10. Name: Molly Lazarus
Institution: Balboa High School

11. Name: Rachel Grover
Institution: Fairfax County (VA) Public Schools

12. Name: Deb Robertson
Institution: Kilgore Memorial Library

13. Name: Stephanie Milberger
Institution: Highland Park Library

14. Name: Caitlin Wichterman
Institution: Dayton Metro Library

15. Name: Magda Cupidon
Institution: Milton Public Library

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I have read the responsibilities of a Convener and agree to uphold them if this group is established. I am submitting this petition YALSA's Board of Directors. (A list of responsibilities can be found at www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/aboutyalsab/faq.htm)

Submitted by: Diane Colson **Date:** 12/19/16