Topic: Request for Board Action: Teens are Not Alone IG

Background: YALSA Member Leah Weyand has submitted a petition to form a Teen Services Coordinators 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. (please note that the petition below has been amended to remove certain personal information to protect members’ privacy)

Action Required: Action

Proposed Name of Group: Teen Services Coordinators Interest Group

Proposed Mission of Group: To provide networking and discussion opportunities for YALSA members interested in exploring issues related to coordinating teen services for library systems and/or across multiple locations, such as liaising with staff at individual locations; communicating with administrators; creating and maintaining large-scale, system-wide programs and services; and other such issues, especially as they relate to YALSA’s vision for teen services as outlined in the report, "The Future of Library Services for and with Teens: a Call to Action."

Statements: The purpose of this group is to provide a professional network of individuals who perform a specialized type of teen services role – coordinating services across several library locations, either by themselves directly providing services or by directing other professionals who directly provide services to teens. This role requires a different and expanded skillset compared to teen services professionals who lead and/or perform teen services at a single library location.

The proposed group covers teen services topics at a different perspective from other YALSA interest groups and committees, providing a forum for members who may be in a more administrative role in their library, or whose role requires application of services across multiple locations with attention to the unique needs of each location.

This proposed interest group has had no preliminary meetings at this point. The group convener is Leah Weyand, and the co-convener is Emily Williams.
Proposed Convener’s Name: Leah Weyand  
Institution: Tulsa City-County Library system

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: Emily Williams (co-convener)  
   Institution: Metropolitan Library System

2. Name: Jennifer Velasquez  
   Institution: San Antonio Public Library System / San Jose State University

3. Name: Dawn Abron  
   Institution: Zion-Benton Public Library

4. Name: Jennifer Korn  
   Institution: Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

5. Name: Lisa Soper  
   Institution: Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

6. Name: Carrie Sanders  
   Institution: Division of Library Development & Services, MSDE

7. Name: Shana Harrington  
   Institution: Las Vegas-Clark County Library District

8. Name: Kate McNair  
   Institution: Johnson County Library

9. Name: Jill Hutchison  
   Institution: St. Mary’s County Library

10. Name: Janet Vogel
Institution: Frederick County Public Libraries

11. Name: Jen Scott Wills
    Institution: Boise Public Library

12. Name: Lauren Olson
    Institution: Mid-Continent Public Library

13. Name: Jess Snow
    Institution: Boston Public Library

14. Name: Cameron Riesenberger
    Institution: Pikes Peak Library District

15. Name: Tammy Wulf
    Institution: Elk Grove Village Public Library

16. Name: Carrie Kitchen
    Institution: Calgary Public Library

17. Name: Kathy DeWeese
    Institution: Sonoma County Library

18. Name: Isaiah West (Thomas West)
    Institution: Alexandria Library
    Email: iwest@alexlibraryva.org

19. Name: Madeline Jarvis
    Institution: Marion Public Library

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 http://www.ala.org/yalsa/workingwithyalsa/faq)

Submitted by: ____Leah Weyand______________  Date: __4/4/17____