YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call
February 25, 2010

Topic: **Establish a Teen Program Evaluation Taskforce**

Background: **With the adoption of the revised Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth at Midwinter 2010, and the forthcoming publication of *Young Adults Deserve the Best: YALSA's Competencies in Action*, it is important for YALSA to continue to provide resources and tools to the library community to ensure that teen services is an integral part of the overall library program. One way to do that is to create a tool that library administrators and librarians can use in order to evaluate the success of their teen program overall. Linda Braun is proposing the establishment of a taskforce to create such a tool.**

Action Required: **Action**

Proposal:
Establish a taskforce to create an evaluation tool that administrators and librarians can use to assess a library's teen program.

Rationale:
- As an association whose mission is to advocate, promote and strengthen service to young adults as part of the continuum of total library service, and to support those who provide service to this population, YALSA should lead the way in setting standards and guidelines that shape young adult librarianship.
- Establishing an evaluation tool can build on YALSA's existing guidelines to ensure that libraries go beyond the basics to provide goals, priorities, criteria, and general principles for establishing effective teen services in libraries.
- An evaluation tool can serve as an advocacy resource that teen services librarians can use with their administrators and library boards to improve teen services in their libraries. New advocacy resources can help YALSA meet its advocacy goal in the strategic plan.

Proposed Charge for the Taskforce:

Teen Program Evaluation Task Force
To develop an assessment tool for library administrators and teen librarians to use in order to evaluate an individual institution's overall level of success in providing teen services. The Task Force will use YALSA's recently revised Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth and IFLA's Guidelines for Library Services for Young Adults to inform the development of criteria and the rating system used in the tool developed. The Task Force will submit a draft of their work in May to the YALSA Board of Directors with the goal of having a completed version adopted by the Board by August 2010. Task Force Size: 5 members, including the chair

Proposed Action:
Approve the creation of a task force that will develop a tool for administrators and librarians to use in order to evaluate the success of their teen program.

Additional Resources:
- Competencies for Librarians Serving Youth:
  www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/profdev/Competencies.pdf
- Empowering Learners: Guidelines for School Library Media Programs:
  www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/guidelinesandstandards/learningstandards/guidelines.cfm
- IFLA Guidelines for Library Services for Young Adults :
  www.ifla.org/files/libraries-for-children-and-ya/publications/ya-guidelines2-en.pdf