

ALSC Research List -- compiled February to September 2013

Name of ALSC Committee or Task Force	What type of research would relate to and assist the work of your committee/task force and ultimately the implementation of the ALSC strategic plan?
Advocacy and Legislation	Longitudinal studies containing hard data on what difference we really make. Annual discussion noted that it would be helpful to have a compilation of research that is relevant, but is not pulled together in one place or published in a library journal.
Batchelder Award	Suggestions have been for research and publication in a journal on how to identify the finest, most readable and promote through programs translated children's books; With the increase in translated children's picture books, the selection of books in the original language and in the English translation could promote the two languages in collaborative models using community members by participation in library programs.
Batchelder Award	Research on high quality translated children's books eligible for the Batchelder Award printed in the last 5 years would be useful. Research that highlights languages, publishers, genres and subjects could be useful for selection and presentations by librarians that could reach our increasingly diverse populations.
Belpré Award	Research about Latino literature for children.
Budget	Review of how other divisional budget committees are organized to consider if ALSCs is being as effective as possible in supporting all areas of the strategic plan.
Children and Libraries Editorial Advisory Committee	Updates on readership and subscriptions. Data on makeup of current members in terms of type of population served.
Children and Technology	There is continued debate in ALSC about screen time for young children. As our committee focuses on technology, any research on this topic would help in the writing and presenting we do. This would inform our work to educate the membership about new technologies.
Collection Management Discussion Group	Research that would be of most interest to our group would be research into changes in library materials budgets and trends in collection development as well as research into the circulation and use of technology in libraries.
Digital Content Task Force	Research on digital content and digital trends and its impact on youth services and libraries.
Early Childhood Programs & Services	Effects of media on young children (case studies, balance of research perspectives, developmental issues related to media exposure). Longitudinal study on the impact of library early learning experiences on student achievement and parent education.
Education Committee	What are the demographics of people taking the ALSC webinars and online courses? Are they similar or different from the ALSC membership as a whole? Any additional research about best practices in webinars would be beneficial.
Geisel Award	Research on how e-books and onscreen reading helps or hinders the emergent reader. Do children learn to read differently if they use E-books?
Geisel Award	Ongoing research on the reading process as well as the latest findings on those priorities that assist children in learning to read.
Great Websites for Kids	What is the best practice for usability and design for children's websites that focus on how children search for information.
Library Service to Special Population Children and their Caregivers	What training do librarians feel they need to receive to better serve and identify special populations in their community?
Managing Children's Services	Technology and its uses with/impact on children. Impacts managing children's services on multiple levels -- budget, staff development, etc.
Managing Children's Services	Impact of quality supervision/management on youth services outcomes in public libraries.
META TF	Additional information/survey from members to identify ability and willingness to serve virtually. E.g. - How many members own tablets and what types? Do they have workplace support for virtual committee work or do they need to meet on their own time? A better understanding of the technology access of members can better help mold virtual operations.

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Nominating	Research might be related to the number of ALSC members that serve on ALSC award committees only, process committees only, a combination of both award and process committees or no committees at all, as well as on committees of other divisions and organizations within ALA and state, national and international library organizations. As a means to diversify award committees and membership on the board, it might be useful to better understand why people choose to serve in these ways.
Notable Children's Recordings	Information on the value of listening to audio books as a learning tool. Also, studies on the value of music to children.
Odyssey Award	Research on the value of listening to audiobooks as a form of literacy training.
Public Awareness	What are the most successful forms of communication with public, not just librarians, regarding public awareness messaging? A collection of available listservs and messaging networks to which we can post for dissemination.
Public Awareness	Breakdown of state libraries who reach out to their public libraries and make them aware of the free resources available on the Dia website.
Scholarships: Melcher and Bound-to-Stay Bound	It would be great to follow up on the award winners at two points: first, after graduation to see where they end up working, and how they become in ALSC; and again 5 years after graduation. Have we selected the strongest candidates? Are they moving into leadership roles in the field?
School Age Programs and Services	Data on e-readers & school aged kids. Kids that use ebook downloads from libraries vs. purchasing via their readers. It seems more and more kids not willing to wait for a book to be returned!
School-Age Programs and Services	How public libraries can support Common Core through collections, continuing education, and collaborations with educators.
Sibert Informational Book Award	How has the Sibert Award changed the shape of children's trade nonfiction publishing, if at all? What are the publishing trends for children's informational books?
Sibert Informational Book Award	Any current information about evaluating nonfiction for children.
Special Collections and Bechtel Fellowship Committee	Tool to locate special collections to improve accessibility to collections for researchers. Data on whether or not studies have led to the use of children's collections to support studies/research in other fields.