



2020 YALSA YA Services Symposium to be Virtual

In response to the current public health climate, YALSA's Board of Directors have decided that its in-person symposium scheduled to take place November 6 – 8, 2020 in Reno will shift to a virtual event. More information about programs and registration will be announced in the coming weeks.

2020 Book and Media Awards Ceremonies

YALSA is working with REFORMA, ALSC, ODLOS and Booklist to develop a virtual event to celebrate the Printz and Odyssey Awards scheduled throughout the day on **Sunday, June 28**. The Edwards winner will be celebrated as part of the Symposium and the Alex Awards were celebrated on **June 11**. More details will be shared as soon as they are finalized.

TeenTober Celebration Poster & Bookmark

Last October, YALSA's new month-long teen celebration, [TeenTober](#) took place with a "soft" launch. This year, an official launch is planned with the release of new resources and a poster and bookmark set, which is set to be released in August. TeenTober was created to reimagine Teen Read Week and Teen Tech Week into a bigger advocacy campaign that emphasizes the importance of year-round teen services and all types of literacies. [Learn](#) more and [sign up](#) for updates.

2020 Teens' Top Ten Nominees Announced

The 2020 [Teens' Top Ten](#) nominees were announced in late April. [View](#) the list of the 25 nominees, along with annotations, on the [Teens' Top Ten](#) web page. Libraries are encouraged to promote the list to the teen patrons to encourage reading during the summer. Voting for the "top ten" starts **August 15**.

YALSA Member Discussion Sessions

In late April, YALSA held its first member discussion session, [Returning to the New Normal – Teen Services Programming](#). Over 300 individuals attended, and a lot of great conversations took place. A second member discussion session, [Summer Programming & Returning to Libraries](#), took place in late May.

Education Advisory Committee

YALSA seeks 5 -7 individuals to fill newly created [Educational Advisory Committee](#) positions for a one-year term starting July 2020. Members assist with identifying and providing feedback on Continuing Education topics to YALSA's Executive Director and the newly created position of Program Officer for Continuing Education and Development. The EAC role is to assist with providing appropriate and timely topics for continuing education offerings; identifying qualified individuals to facilitate continuing education sessions.

Upcoming YALSA Events

June 28: 2020 Book and Media Awards Ceremonies

July 9: [Identifying the Best Fit Audiobooks for Your Teens Webinar; 2PM EST](#)



August 15: [2020 Teens' Top Ten Voting Begins](#)

October: [Teen Tober](#)

November 6-8: [YALSA's Virtual Symposium](#)