

**American Library Association  
Committee Information Update Report**

Report for Annual –The ALA-CBC Joint committee meets in the Fall and the Spring in New York – this report covers the Fall meeting which took place on October 16, 2015.

Name of Committee: ALA-CBC Joint Committee

Chair: Michael Rogalla

Members Present: Michael Rogalla, Laura Arnold, Krishna Grady, Sven Larson, Jennifer Longee (via phone), Kathryn O’Leary, Susan Polos, Amy Sears, Margaret Tice, Jason Wells (via phone), Janet Wong.

Members Absent: Kathryn Camisa, Elizabeth Fithian, Steve Floyd, Molly Motch, Arlene V. Salazar.

Others Present: Nicole Deming (CBC Staff), Alexa Frank (CBC Staff), Emma Kantor (CBC Staff), Matt Poulter (CBC Staff), Aimee Strittmatter (ALSC).

Accomplishments:

Initiated work with the ALSC Quicklists Committee on the 2016 Building a Home Library Lists. There are 25 titles in each of the four age categories: 0-3, 4-7, 8-11, 12-14 years old. Titles selected meet the following criteria: The books are foundational, diverse, represent a range of CBC members, strike a balance between the classic and contemporary, and would make great additions to any home library.

Michael Rogalla, the committee chair, drafted and sent a letter to the Executive Director of AASL, inviting a staff member of AASL to future committee meetings so they may be given an opportunity to present updates similar to those currently given by staff from ALSC, YALSA, and the CBC.

Reading List for Young Readers with High Reading Levels. Former Committee members Lisa Von Drasek and Monica Edinger created an outline for this pilot list (prior to their departure from the committee in July 2015), which would be updated on the off-years of the Building a Home Library list, with an inaugural list created for 2017. Because the Quicklists Committee is unable to accommodate additional projects at this time, title suggestions will be crowd sourced, with ALA-CBC Joint Committee members whittling down the list. Suggested networks for crowd sourcings: KidLitCon, Cybils (children’s/YA blogging group), ALSC members, and CBC members. Timeline for reading list: April-August submission call. Submissions should be in by October 2016 in order for the Committee to finalize a pool of titles. The list will be posted in February. There was a consensus that the official name (TBD) for the Reading List should move the focus away from reading “levels,” and instead towards content. “Reading Up” was suggested as an alternative title.

Other comments/information:

Under consideration was a committee sponsored program for 2016 ALA Midwinter/Annual. It was concluded that at this point in the year, there’s not sufficient time to secure the necessary funding (last year’s “Day of Diversity” event was made possible through a Dollar General Grant) in advance of the submissions period, so this item should be tabled for 2017.

Planned activities for upcoming year:

In January, the committee will receive the Quicklists Committee's suggestions of 30 titles for each of the four age ranges for the upcoming 2016 Building a Home Library Lists. These recommendations will be sent to the ALA-CBC Join Committee members assigned to each group. In February, members' refined lists of 25 titles are due to Shaina Birkhead, the ALA-CBC Committee liaison.

Michael Rogalla, the committee chair, and Shaina Birkhead, CBC staff liaison the committee, will draft and send a letter to the Executive Director of AASL, inviting a staff member of AASL to future committee meetings so they may be given an opportunity to present updates similar to those currently given by staff from ALSC, YALSA, and the CBC.

2017 ALA Midwinter/Annual Programming. Day of Diversity: Members felt that the strength of the 2015 "Day of Diversity" was that it gave attendees the opportunity to share their own views. Given the continued complexity and fragmentation around this subject, the possibility of a second "Day of Diversity"-style event was broached. Several Ideas for a second Day of Diversity will be addressed at the March 2016 committee meeting.

Co-hosted Webinars with CBC and ALSC/YALSA/AASL or Booklist. The Committee will look into the feasibility of webinars. Several webinar topics will be discussed at the March 2016 committee meeting.

Recommended Downloads List. Members of the Committee have suggested the possibility of a recommended audio book and ebook lists. These lists would make titles more accessible to kids of different abilities. Ideas on possible ways to implement this will be discussed at the March 2016 committee meeting.

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