

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, Chicago
June 28 – July 2, 2013

Topic: Report on Teen Spaces Project

Background: In June of 2010 YALSA agreed to receive periodic progress reports on the Institute of Library and Museum Services (IMLS) funded project, “Making Space for Young Adults in Public Libraries: Establishing a Research Foundation,” The research began in fall 2010. Anthony Bernier has submitted a report, which is included below.

Action Required: Information

“Making Space for Young Adults in Public Libraries”

The details below demonstrate the project’s on-schedule production since the last semi-annual report submitted January 2013. The first manuscript was accepted for publication in a tier-one scholarly journal (*Library Quarterly*) and researchers have already presented at one academic conference. Most all of the data is now collected by the respective researchers. Most of that data has undergone analysis and is in various stages of manuscript drafting and revision for practitioner and scholarly publication. The project team has a panel proposal currently under consideration for a national conference and the research assistants are developing a conference panel as well.

Presentations and Dissemination:

- Submitted to *Library Quarterly* and accepted for publication:
 - Bernier, A., Males, M., and Rickman, C. (*forthcoming*). ‘It is silly to hide your most active patrons:’ Exploring user participation of library space design for young adults in the United States. 34 pages.
- http://www.alise.org/assets/documents/conf_2013/alise_op_2013-final.pdf Bernier, A., Kemp, J. (January 2013). Scaffolding the walled garden: Working with remote students in research apprenticeships. ALISE 2013 Conference. January 22-25, 2013. Seattle, WA.
- Proposal submitted for Public Library Association (PLA) 2014 to present with grant partner Group 4 Architecture, Design, and Research. [under review]
- One graduate research assistant interviewed for the Community Profiles section of the SLIS webpage. <http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/people/community-profile/zemirah-lee>

Research:

- Completed 100% of the quantitative content analysis of survey data for both library staff and YA;
- Completed 100% of the qualitative content analysis of video transcripts;
- Conducted video coding project for video data previously gathered;
- Completed 3 replicated (virtual) YA spaces in Second Life; video footage of YA spaces included in the virtual exhibits;
- Developed tools to collect and measure input from virtual space visitors and conducted focus groups in Second Life to preview virtual library spaces;
- Completed acquisition, and transcription of 23 video tour sets (“set” = 1 staff video, 1 YA video);
- Attended: YALSA National Forum on Libraries & Teens Virtual Town Hall: Teen Learning Environments. Online Presentation April 16, 2013. Recording:
<https://connectpro87048468.adobeconnect.com/a935890488/p7acnm5p8r7/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal>

Next Steps:

- Manuscript for article on YA space seating for *The Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults*, approximately 90% completed;
- Manuscript on video ethnography (interviews) analysis approximately 50% completed;
- Manuscript on Second Life surveys of virtual YA spaces in progress;
- Project research assistants panel proposal to present conference: Library 2.013 Online Conference, October 2013 <http://www.library20.com/2013>;
- Continued preparation for public access of project’s raw data for mounting on YouthFacts.org;
- Continued management of video coding for database import

Respectfully submitted,
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