

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, Las Vegas
June 27 – July 1, 2014

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”

Progress completed since last YALSA Board Report (January 2014 through May 2014):

Presentations and Dissemination:

• **Published article on *Library Quarterly*:**

Bernier, A., Males, M., & Rickman, C. (April 2014). “It is silly to hide your most active patrons”: Exploring user participation of library space designs for young adults in the United States. *The Library Quarterly*, 84(2), 164-182. Available at: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1086/675330>

• **Accepted two (2) articles for publication *Public Libraries*:**

Agosto, D., Kuhlmann, L.M., Pacheco Bell, J., & Bernier, A. (In press). Learning from librarians and teens about YA library spaces. *Public Libraries*, 53(3), 24-28.
Bernier, A., & Males, M. (forthcoming, July/August 2014). YA spaces and the end of postural tyranny. *Public Libraries*, 53(4), 33 pages.

• **Conference presentations:**

Kemp, J. (2014). “Evaluating Library Spaces Through Simulation.” Colloquia presentation for the Virtual Center for Archives and Records Administration (VCARA), in Second Life, February 5, 2014. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JT-3LFwuSjw&feature=youtu.be>

Bernier, A., & Kemp, J. (2014). “Getting it Right: Evaluating Library Spaces and Services.” Keynote address at the annual Bay Area Library

and Information Network (BayNet) conference, San Francisco Public Library, May 9, 2014.

Dr. Bernier: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yYc2nGVCgLk&feature=youtu.be>

Dr. Kemp: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKaaeaeBF9k&feature=youtu.be>

Q & A session: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LE3DQk_q4Y&feature=youtu.be

Graduate student presentation:

Harris, L. (2014). “Reality Reflected: Recreating public library YA spaces in Second Life.” Poster presentation. 5th Annual VCRA Conference, Second Life, May 20, 2014.

• **Accepted forthcoming presentations:**

Bernier, A., (2014). Informing the “Naive Triangle”: Evidence-Based Transformations in New Young Adult Library Spaces 80th IFLA General Conference and Assembly, IFLA World Library and Information Congress, Lyon, France. August 16-22, 2014.

Kemp, J. (2014). International Conference Convergence of Libraries, Archives and Museums (ICLAM): Innovative Ideas, Technologies and Services. Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi (India). November 27-29, 2014.

Graduate student presentations:

Cabrera, M., & Harris, L. (2014). “YA Occupy! Teen Postures in Young Adult Library Spaces.” Poster presentation. California Library Association (CLA) 2014 conference: Be the Change. San Francisco Bay’s Oakland City Center Marriott, Oakland, CA, November 7-9, 2014.

Cabrera, M., & Harris, L. (2014). “Reality & Virtuality: Research expectations, responsibilities, and technologies in the dissemination phase of a 4-year study.” Library 2.014 Conference: The future of Libraries in the Digital Age. Library 2.0 Worldwide Virtual Conference. San Jose State University.
<http://www.library20.com/forum/topics/reality-virtuality-research-expectations-responsibilities-and>

Completed research:

- Completed quantitative analysis of both the adult and youth surveys, of nearly 800 libraries, with 257 total usable survey responses from library professionals.
- Completed ethnographic content analysis of narrated video footage collected during the second year of the project.
- Completed the creation of six simulated library spaces instead of the proposed five by choosing the three most interesting and evocative library spaces and duplicating these both with and without signage that indicated the intended audience for these spaces

Work in Progress:

- Youthfacts.org project website revision launched March 2014. This website houses and maintains public access to the project's primary raw data.
- Kemp, J., Whitehead, J., Harris, L., Bernier, A. (in progress). Teen spaces: Studying real-life libraries in simulation. (Intended for *Journal of Virtual Worlds Research*)
- Kemp, J., Whitehead, J., Harris, L., Bernier, A. (in progress). Building a YA Spaces prop room: Teaching with digital assets from sampled video tours. (Intended for *Journal of Education for Library and Information*)
- Agosto, D. E., Bell, J. P., Bernier, A., & Kuhlmann, M. (in progress). "This is our library, and it's a pretty cool place:" A user-centered study of YA library spaces. (Intended for *Public Libraries Quarterly*)
- Bernier, A., (in progress). The IRB and Mission Creep.

Respectfully submitted,

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