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November 2020 YALSA Quarterly Chair Reports

**Report not submitted**

- Executive Report – Amanda Barnhart [amandabarnhart@kclibrary.org](mailto:amandabarnhart@kclibrary.org)

**Amanda Barnhart**

**Group: Organizational and Bylaws Committee**

**Chair's Name: Franklin Escobedo**

**Board Liaison: Amanda Barnhart**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To periodically review the Bylaws and, when necessary, to recommend revision and amendment to improve them for the effective management of the Division, for the achievement of its stated objectives, and to keep them in harmony with ALA Constitution and Bylaws; to study and review committee functions, recommending changes in committee structure; to regularly review and when necessary recommend and draft revision of content for the YALSA Handbook; and to make recommendations on other appropriate policy and process matters.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We worked on an update for the bylaws pertaining to Virtual Meetings.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Outreach/Collaboration  
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are currently working on updating board docs for Midwinter meetings, i.e., Award Committees meeting virtually due to the cancellation of the in-person Midwinter meeting.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We are hoping to the documents turned around quickly.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: The pandemic is still are the biggest challenge due to everyone's changing schedules and outside commitments.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Group: President's Implementation Taskforce**

**Chair: Yvette Garcia**

**Board Liaison: Amanda F. Barnhart**

Function statement: The 2020-2021 President's Theme and Initiative center around Representation in Recruitment and Retention – Further Supporting YALSA's EDI Plan. The outcomes from the initiative supporting the 2020-2021 Presidential Theme are to:

To provide the membership with quarterly continuing education strategies and ideas that support and celebrate the diversity of library staff and the teens they serve.

Identify and engage in efforts that aim to study the value of YALSA resources amongst library staff who work with teens that are seen as "non-members." There are many non-member library staff whose actions adhere to the YALSA mission or support the YALSA vision and who utilize YALSA resources regardless of having purchased a YALSA membership.

Develop a report that includes findings from the aforementioned study, as well as provide recommendations on strategies for engaging non-members

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? During the past few months the team has been discussing YALSA's value. The team discussed many of the resources that that YALSA has to offer members and non-members. Our discussion has lead to more questions, such as are too many resources available to non-members; is there a way to highlight and display more prominently resources on the YALSA website, especially YALS and finally which are the resources that membership truly values. Additionally, we discussed the different audiences that YALSA serves, specifically wanting to identify audiences that the taskforce could effectively serve and are appropriate target audiences for YALSA. We also had a rather spirited discussion about the website.

Advocacy: X

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services:

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: X

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc): X

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc):

Outreach/Collaboration:

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc): X

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: The taskforce will be reviewing the website to determine if it's welcoming to newcomers and gives a "good first impression." The team will brainstorm target activities for selected audiences and create a survey to determine base level information regrading selected resources - value to members, use, and usefulness.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The taskforce will be coordinating a few lunchtime zoom session for members and non-members. Topics and themes will be determined at a later time; however, they will be somewhat related to the overall theme of values, inclusion and lifting voices.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 4

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Unknown. As lunchtime session are being prepared, requests may be made for co-presenters from other ALA affiliates; YALSA can assist with contact information.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. None. One taskforce member resigned a few days prior to submitting this report.

Additional comments: Not at this time.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Group: Promoting Professional Success for Underrepresented Groups Task Force**

**Chair: David Wang**

**Board Liaison: Amanda Barnhart**

Function statement: Charge: Considering the Teen Services Competencies for Library Staff and the EDI Statement and EDI Plan, this task force will assess existing pathways to professional success and involvement within YALSA for underrepresented groups.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? For the last three months, we have been making solid progress conceptualizing the primary issues and concerns we, as a group, believe are impeding are targeted goals. First and foremost, we believe that the key is energizing our base membership. If our current membership hovers around 4,500 members then we need to find more ways to engage and draw out our members through events, workshops, seminars, conferences and the like. The key is bridging the gap between highly involved members and barely involved members. The pandemic has made it inordinately difficult to connect on the one-on-one personal level but, it has also been a game changer in leveling the conference attendance playing field in many respects. In the last six months and probably for the next six months, we will be able to organize more virtual events for lowered costs and we will be able to reach more members who may have never attended a Midwinter, Symposium, or even Annual event.

In September, we discussed how to address priorities in representation. As a small organization with an overworked, understaffed office of five to six employees, YALSA has been challenged over the years with marketing and outreach to its membership. What typically occurs is that there are roughly 10-15% of heavily invested volunteers who may rotate in and out of committees, taskforces and juries who completely understand that YALSA is doing great work on a shoestring budget. These folks are the lifeblood and vanguard, if you may, of the YALSA organization. The challenge for any small, tight-knit organization is once unpredictable change arises and key figures burnout, decide to move on, or have to take personal leave, it inevitably leads to difficult transitions and tough choices.

We repeatedly discussed the need to offer more FREE webinars, grant writing seminars, even training for putting together a scholarship application -- open to non-members working with teens? Some of these skills serve as barriers for many of our members. Most of our members are carrying a full plate of work and finding ways to allocate time for blogging, reviewing, judging, reading and everything else that is associated with a professional support organization. We also reiterated the importance of not repeating the same work of other committees. Tuition/conference/symposium financial support -- follow-up needed, possible corporate sponsorships. Focus on assessing and evaluating the internal YALSA grants and scholarships [selection process and committee formation]. Brought up the suspension of the YALSA Mentorship Program -- any idea when it could be restarted? In September into October, we discussed again the collaboration with state library associations and library schools (colleges) that primarily serve people of color. That is a long-term goal to establish solid relationships with other institutions/organizations. In October we began focusing on evaluating some of the internal YALSA grants and scholarships -- the application process, the criteria, and the evaluation process. We found that some of the grants/scholarships could use a reworking of their rubrics while others have extremely general guidelines and are highly specialized leading to a small pool of applicants. The issue of transparency again came up when we ascertain that the majority of these scholarship and grant award committees are selected primarily by administration and the YALSA President (introspective analysis by yours truly).

Finally in early November, we met again with a guest from another committee - Yvette Garcia [ALA Membership Promotion Taskforce]. It was a productive brainstorm and awareness raising session. We began to talk about membership data points and how everything is pretty much interrelated from energizing the membership base to attracting new members to creating more opportunities for new members and even attracting more minorities (students of color) to the profession. The most important takeaway is that we want to construct a report with phased recommendations by early to mid-Spring in hopes of presenting to YALSA administration and the board.

Advocacy:

Fund, partner Development: X

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services:

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: X

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc):

Outreach/Collaboration: X

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc):

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other: X Connecting with other ALA committee chairs.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: As stated from above, our most important task is to construct a report with phased recommendations by early to mid-Spring in hopes of presenting to YALSA administration and the board. Together, we hope to have a present a clear plan to energize our base, engineer more opportunities for our members who have no knowledge of certain grants/scholarships or are not partaking of these opportunities for particular reasons, and finally, to address the declining number of library school students of color who are training to become future YA librarians.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will share it via a written report to be submitted in April/May 2021 to YALSA Board and Admin.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Provide data, answer questions and guest appearances on our meetings.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. I have absences but I believe in focusing on who wants to help and work towards a goal.

Additional comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

## **Kelly Czarnecki**

**Group: DMP**

**Chair's Name: Ruby Smart**

**Board Liaison: Kelly Czarnecki**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Not sure

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We are working on updating YALSA 101 and finishing up YALSA 201 for 2021.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)

- Outreach/Collaboration

- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To finish 101 and 201 and start 301.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will share when as we complete each task via email.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments: Thank you for being patient with me this year.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Group: YALS/YALSAblog Editorial Advisory Board**

**Chair: Tess Wilson**

**Board Liaison: Kelly Czarnecki**

Function statement: To serve as advisor to the co-chairs of the Advisory Board, the editor of YALS and the YALSAblog Member Manager, on the overall content of the journal and blog. To take an active role in determining content for both publications and an annual editorial calendar that identifies timely topics as well as authors for articles and blog posts. To create messages and content to promote the blog and the journal and to cross -populate each to highlight the content and focus of each publication. To work to ensure that key YALSA guidelines, resources, initiatives, etc. are integrated into the blog and the journal. To assist with the search process for a new editor or member manager, when appropriate.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Yolanda has been working diligently to catch up on the editorial schedule for YALS, and we are almost back on track! We have decided on themes for the current and next couple issues, and have reached out to potential contributors for these issues.

Advocacy:

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services: X

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: X

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc):

Outreach/Collaboration: X

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc):

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc): X

Other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: We will continue to keep the editorial process on track and to find a wide range of potential contributors for the next issues. We will continue to meet regularly to achieve these goals. One exciting development from our committee has been to include teens in the writing process!

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We plan to share the calls for contributors, issue themes, and completed issues with everyone via the list serv and through YALSAblog.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.

Additional comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Kate Denier**

**Group: Financial Advancement Committee**

**Chair: Traci Glass**

**Board Liaison: Kate Denier**

Function statement: Provide oversight and continued enhancement of the Friends of YALSA program, including promotion, fundraising and donor recognition. Work with the Board and staff year-round to create and implement virtual fundraising campaigns and fundraising efforts at conferences, aimed at both members and others, to support the \$19,595 worth of member scholarships and stipends YALSA gives out annually. Periodically review YALSA's Fundraising Toolkit and make updates, as needed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have continued to meet monthly, we are brainstorming and contacting organizations to see if they are interested in providing a big prize to

give away to folks who donate through our Give \$20 in 2020 campaign. We are brainstorming new campaign ideas for 2021. Blog posts are also being written and published on the YALSA blog monthly. Due to the move of YALSA staff, we have not received financial information from donors, so we have not been able to send out thank you notes or update our spreadsheet.

Advocacy:

Fund, partner Development: X

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services:

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc): X

Outreach/Collaboration:

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc):

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: Continue to brainstorm campaign ideas and implement our new idea for 2021. Continue the work of securing a donation for end of the year prize. Write and post blog entries each month.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will be continuing to encourage people to donate to our yearly campaign and bring a spotlight to issues and programs that are funded by donated monies.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. I've had two committee members miss two meetings in a row. I spoke with them each individually to see if there was something I could do to help. They both are going through issues related to pandemic fatigue. They have committed to participation moving forward. They always respond to email and have both signed up for a blog post, so I feel like this was just a blip.

Additional comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Group: Morris Award Manual Taskforce**

**Chair: Kim Dare**

**Board Liaison: Kate Denier**

Function statement: Identify areas of the current Morris Award Policies and Procedures that should be clarified, modified, or expanded into the committee's official manual. Specific tasks include: reviewing the current policies and procedures and unofficial manual, creating a cohesive set of recommendations to the YALSA Board by June 15, and revising as necessary once the Board reviews the recommendations at Annual.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We were notified in August that the YALSA Board had passed the Morris Award Manual document. The Board recommended that we add a little more clarification on the distinction between popularity and appeal. We have made slight revisions based on the Board's feedback, and the revisions were submitted in October.

Advocacy:

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services:

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: X

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc):

Outreach/Collaboration: X

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc): X

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: We will wait to hear from the Board whether there are further recommendations, or whether our work on the Manual is completed.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? N/A

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? We have received wonderful support from YALSA.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. N/A

Additional comments: This has been a rewarding experience for all of us on the taskforce. I'd highly recommend any of the members for other committee or taskforce work.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

## Todd Krueger

**Group: Addressing Institutional Bias and Racism in Libraries**

**Chair: Eric Schoenbaechler**

**Board Liaison: Todd Krueger**

Function statement: Considering the Teen Services Competencies for Library Staff and the EDI Statement and EDI Plan, this task force will create and distribute materials to help members better serve diverse youth and to address issues of institutional bias and racism in their libraries.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The group brainstormed and decided on an idea to hold and record something like a virtual panel discussion, led by teenagers. This would allow us to get their perspective on the issues to access they feel are most prevalent in libraries, and their ideas for ways libraries can alter our service models in order to eliminate these barriers. Task force members would moderate and help guide the conversation, but the information presented would be from those directly impacted.

Advocacy:

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services:

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: X

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc):

Outreach/Collaboration: X

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc): X

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: The group will work on the structure of the panel discussion, seek out possible participants and create an outline which can be used by other organizations to host similar programs in their own communities.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The group hopes to have an outline ready within the three months, and

possibly more information about the logistics of the program. It will be shared with YALSA members through newsletters and invitations to participate in the program.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. As our Task Force is continuing on for another year, one member did have to leave at the end of the first scheduled year, based on other commitments. This leaves us with only 4 active members on the Task Force.

Additional comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Group: Board Development Committee**

**Chair: Gail Tobin / Ritchie Momon (Co-Chairs)**

**Board Liaison: Todd Krueger**

Function statement: To develop in conjunction with the board activities and materials for : board orientation, on-going board training, and annual board member self-assessments, board assessments, and board roles and responsibilities. To pay attention to board composition and needs and assess board effectiveness . To identify and cultivate members for leadership positions, and to annually develop a slate of candidates for board positions. When building the slate, seek out the most qualified individuals and provide for broad representation, as outlined in YALSA's Statement on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. To educate members about governance and service on the YALSA Board, including conducting necessary outreach via an array of avenues to ensure diverse representation. To assist members in preparing for the election such as through a candidates' forum or candidate interviews. To review the process after each election and make recommendations for the next cycle .

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We submitted the slate of candidates for the 2021 election.

Advocacy: X

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services:

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: X

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc): X

Outreach/Collaboration: X

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc):

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: To educate YALSA members about the upcoming election through either a candidates forum or interviews.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We plan to share information about the candidates and encourage members to vote via blog articles or live (zoom?) interviews.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Continue to provide support to the committee and let us know of YALSA priorities that fall in the committee charge that the committee can concentrate on.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. n/a

Additional comments: n/a

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes



**Group: Re-Imagining Alex Task Force**

**Chair's Name: Kali Olson**

**Board Liaison: Todd Krueger**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Determine how to help future Alex Awards committees manage the vast quantity of adult titles and consider how to continue to include both fiction and nonfiction

titles, including various genres and formats. Given the depth and breadth of the scope of the field (technically, every book published for the adult market is eligible), a

more precise set of guidelines will help the committee in its work. " Clarify the purpose of the vetted list. The Alex Policies and Procedures should clearly state that

the vetted list is intended to be a list of additionally recommended books curated from the titles nominated over the course of the year. " Update the award criteria in the Alex Policies and Procedures. The criteria should be

clear, specific, and detailed. " Make a recommendation as to the format of the awards and resulting product: if the awards should mirror the other YALSA book awards (winner + honor titles); having one or

multiple award categories; or retain the current model. Related

to those recommendations, consider if the award committee should or should not provide a vetted list. An initial report to the YALSA Board on the task force's findings

and recommendations will be expected by September 15, 2020. Task force size: 5 virtual members including chair. Term: February 24 to February 1 of the following

year

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We submitted recommendations in September, so we have not met since then. We are awaiting the results of the YALSA Board meeting at Midwinter when our recommendations are discussed.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are awaiting the results of the YALSA Board meeting at Midwinter when our recommendations are discussed.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? NA

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Karen Lemmons**

**Group: 22x20 Taskforce**

**Chair: Yvette Garcia**

**Board Liaison: Karen Lemmons**

**Function statement:** Establish a task force to create resources for members to leverage as YALSA’s in-kind contribution to the 22x20 coalition. With a focus on media literacy, this campaign aspires to equip teens with the skills needed and provide them with the resources and space to understand, evaluate, and respond to political messages. By engaging teens early, before voting age, the campaign readies teen voices to participate in the democratic process and civic duties.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? During the past few months the team has been busy at the their home libraries wrangling with COVID services – virtual programming, reopening, etc. The team has checked-in via email several times for mental health and regrouping. We did meet virtual to discuss final steps/”to-do” list for our taskforce.

We quickly and easily realized that our next step was to focus on pos-election mental health and support.

Supporting and providing information about the election, voting, etc. Needed to be handled/managed at the local level. Information was changing regularly and everywhere things were being handled differently. Support was needed at the staff level; staff are dealing with several unknowns at once – reopening, funding/job security and the election. Additionally, difficult patrons aren’t simply challenging an overfine; they are challenging public health guidelines or asking political questions – who did you vote for? Stress levels are maxed out. We have scheduled a webinar for December that will help staff cope.

The group has discussed the wins, loses and things left undone due to COVID. It is these reflections that will be the core of our end of term report. The report will include thoughts about working on special projects/partners, directives/charge for taskforces and teen civic engagement practices.

Advocacy: X

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services:

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: X

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc): X

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc):

Outreach/Collaboration:

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc):

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: The taskforce concludes its term on December 31, 2020. The taskforce will focus on writing an end of term report, generating recommendations for future work and reflecting on our work for the next few weeks.

We will be hosting a webinar on self-care and handing difficult patrons in December.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The taskforce will be hosting a webinar in December.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 3

What can YALSA do to help your committee? N/A

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. n/A

Additional comments: The taskforce is working a on the end of term report summarizing activities and making recommendations for future work.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Group: Education Advisory Committee**

**Chair's Name: Sarah Amber Evans**

**Board Liaison: Karen Lemmons**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

The role of the Education Advisory Committee is to assist with providing appropriate and timely topics for

continuing education offerings to the Executive Director and Program Officer for Continuing Education and Development and to identify qualified individuals to facilitate continuing education sessions.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have coordinated the monthly YALSA member webinars through May.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? More collaboration with other committees. Developing protocols and procedures for the Education Advisory Committee.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? When we need something shared, we send it to Anna Lam.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Any suggestions and ideas for how the committee should shape their tasks, especially in setting up procedures, it would be helpful. A big question we also have is - how many education activities should be happening for YALSA members and the general public over the course of a year.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

## **Dawn McMillan**

**Group: Innovation in Teen Services Award Jury**

**Chair: Asuncion Cora**

**Board Liaison: Dawn McMillan**

Function statement: To vet applications in order to select a YALSA member who will receive \$500 to recognize a member who has brought a new idea to life through their library that has benefited teens in their community.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? At the moment there are no outcomes or results as the Jury just began work a few days ago. I will be able to provide this information in the next quarterly report.

Advocacy:

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services: X

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: X

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc): X

Outreach/Collaboration: X

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc):

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other: X Though we have not begun discussing applications for this award, I foresee having conversations including these topics in the future.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: My group will be having our first meeting soon to discuss our plan for the next few months. Once we receive applications, we will review them and also meet to discuss them. Ultimately, choosing an award recipient and alternate.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will share the award information within our networks to reach as many library staff that work with teens as possible who may be interested in this award.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 3

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. We have just begun working so do not have any concerns at the moment.

Additional comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

## Charli Osborne

**Group: Book Awards Oversight Committee**

**Chair: Kim Dare**

**Board Liaison: Charli Osborne**

Function statement: To ensure efficient functioning of YALSA's award committees. To advise committee chairs on recommended procedures for committee operations based on a thorough knowledge of YALSA policy, committee operation, background, and experience. To collect, analyze and respond to quarterly chair reports. To summarize, analyze and evaluate periodically for the YALSA Board the progress and concerns of the award committees. To facilitate communication among award committees and to identify common areas of concern and identify solutions. To coordinate training and orientation for in-coming committee members. To note particular abilities of committee members in the work of the organization and to share this information with the Board and nominating committees.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have been working with each of the award committee chairs to plan for the 2021 Youth Media Awards, which will be a virtual event for the first time.

We are facilitating opportunities for the award committee chairs to meet and share ideas about their best practices for final decision-making in this virtual environment.

We have submitted a proposal to the YALSA Board recommending that administrative assistants on award committees be exempt from the two-year period that committee members are subject to, which make them ineligible to serve on another book award committee until that time has passed

Advocacy:

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services:

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: X

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc):

Outreach/Collaboration: X

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc):

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: We will continue to support the award committees as they make decisions about award recipients, and will help ensure smooth award announcements and presentations.

We will provide any input requested from the YALSA Board based on this year's virtual experiences.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? N/A-- we're a behind-the-scenes committee.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? We are working closely with Nichole O'Connor, and appreciate the support she consistently provides!

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. N/A

Additional comments: N/A

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Group: The Hub Advisory Board**

**Chair's Name: Sara Beth Coffman**

**Board Liaison: Charli Osborne**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The Hub Advisory Board participates in the development and maintenance of the Hub and follows the guidelines for the site as set out by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Advisory Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Manager of the site and assists with the collection of content for the site , generates ideas for content, works on getting teen and librarian input and feedback, facilitates marketing and PR as needed, and writes for the site as needed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? ongoing work for publicizing selected lists reviews; appointed new member-manager; onboarding process

What topics in the Organizational Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? expanding role of advisory board to better support the selected lists teams with posting; each member to write for the Hub; first meeting with new member-manager

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Hub reader survey in process, sharing from The Hub, twitter, YALSA newsletter

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3

What can YALSA do to help your committee? I need a roster of the board; I will need to have an advisory board zoom meeting set up

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

## **Abigail Phillips**

**Group: YALSA Research Committee**

**Chair: Adrienne Strock**

**Board Liaison: Abigail Phillips**

Function statement: To stimulate, encourage, guide, and direct the research needs of the field of young adult library services, and to regularly compile abstracts, disseminate research findings, update YALSA's National Research Agenda as needed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Conducted monthly meetings:

- September 11 & 14: Attendees: Adrienne, Erica, DeAnza, Lori, Katharine, Kristen
- October 5: Attendees: Adrienne, Erica, Brittany, Katherine, Kristen
- November 2: Attendees: Adrienne, DeAnza, Katherine, Kristen

Adrienne followed up with Yolanda for YALS themes (8/31) and with our board liaison regarding moving forward with a survey development (8/31).

The committee is drafting survey questions to ask of YALSA members and teen services library workers to determine how the pandemic has impacted their work and how that might inform a future research agenda. We are

organizing the survey questions around the current research agenda. Ideally, we will have survey questions for YALSA to review in January.

The committee has divided up the Research Roundup duties for the next three issues of YALS and is working on those contributions.

Adrienne reached out to Linda Braun and Mega Subramaniam and others involved in the current research agenda. Adrienne met with Linda (9/25) to discuss he

Advocacy:

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services: X

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: X

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc):

Outreach/Collaboration:

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc): X

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: The committee is drafting survey questions to ask of YALSA members and teen services library workers to determine how the pandemic has impacted their work and how that might inform a future research agenda. We are organizing the survey questions around the current research agenda. Ideally, we will have survey questions for YALSA to review in January.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We plan to work with YALSA to finalize and distribute the survey. We will also be publishing a Research Roundup for the next issue of YALS.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 3

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Continue to be supportive and provide us any direction needed.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. Determining a meeting time agreeable to everyone has been a challenge for this committee. For those unable to attend a meeting, I have been offering to recap/follow-up to catch individuals up to speed.

Some have made requests in how to share meeting invites (not through an outlook invite and sharing the Zoom link in the agenda for future reference) and I've applied those suggestions to help people have multiple points for knowing when the meetings are and accessing them.

Additional comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

## **Colleen Seisser**

**Group: Annual Conference Marketing & Local Arrangements Taskforce**

**Chair: Heather Beverley**

**Board Liaison: Colleen Seisser**

Function statement: To work with YALSA's Communications Specialist prior to the conference to create and disseminate online marketing materials that promote YALSA 's presence at the ALA Annual Conference. To assist in vetting the program proposals submitted, including helping to prepare a member vote on the proposals and working with the ALA

Conference Coordinating Team to determine time slots for all submitted programs . To plan and implement YALSA local arrangements activities in close cooperation

with YALSA's Program Officer for Conferences & Events, including assisting on-site with logistics for YALSA programs and overseeing teen participation for the ALA

Annual Conference. Committee members aren't expected to attend Midwinter, but are expected to attend Annual.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? This quarter was relatively quiet as the committee is awaiting plans for the Annual Conference to be finalized. Also, there was a change in committee members in mid-October, so we are still in the introduction phase.

Advocacy:

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services: X

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc):

Outreach/Collaboration:

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc):

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other: X We support the transformation of teen services by helping with the program selections at ALA Annual as part of the core process of our committee.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: This next quarter will be the heart of the committee's work, as we begin updating the wiki for local information, and promoting the upcoming Annual Conference as requested by the YALSA board, either via social media posts by members or blog posts.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? None at the moment.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.

Additional comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Group: Programming HQ**

**Chair: Dawn Abron**

**Board Liaison: Colleen Seisser**

Function statement: I have no roster

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? For the last three months, I have created posts for the HQ at least twice a month. I crowd source programming ideas from Facebook library programming groups. I contact the programmer, ask if they would like their program featured, and I then ask for their contact information.

I have been working with my board liaison on how to improve the HQ. We've been emailing and had a meeting to begin assessing the future of the HQ.

Advocacy:

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services: X

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc):

Outreach/Collaboration:

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc):

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc): X

Other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: Colleen, my board liaison, and I will create a survey for YALSA members. We will give the survey to the YALSA president to decide the method of distribution.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We share news and information through the eNewsletter.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.

Additional comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Group: Teens Top Ten Task Force**

**Chair: Jessica M Lorentz Smith**

**Board Liaison: Colleen Seisser**

Function statement: To facilitate the exchange of information and galleys of books published within the current and previous publishing years among the voting teen group members as well as the non-voting members; to annually prepare the "Teens' Top 10" list for Teen Read Week; and to coordinate the public electronic vote. To assist with the collection and vetting of applications from libraries who wish to host an official reading group.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? I have only communicated with my committee twice now. The first one was to let them know that we were waiting for the October 15 application deadline to pass so that we could vet applicants for the next two year cycle. However, since then, it has been communicated to me that there were only two new applicants so there was some conversation about allowing the current groups to stay on for another year as this year has been a bit of a wash. So we are going to schedule a meeting this upcoming week to talk about our next steps.

Advocacy:

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services:

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: X

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc):

Outreach/Collaboration:

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc):

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other: X Due to the current pandemic and society situation, I can't honestly check any of these as our work has been a bit on hold.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: It is my understanding that we will all have access to a publisher submission spreadsheet where we can keep an eye on the titles that groups are reading. This will provide us the opportunity to encourage groups to keep reading and voting so that we can eventually get the titles down to a top 25. That should start in January, I believe.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? At this point, I am not sure that we will have much information to share with the whole organization. If something comes up that deems sharing, I will check it with our board liaison, Colleen, first for confirmation.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 5: Not Accomplished

What can YALSA do to help your committee? I feel confident that a clarification meeting this week on our next steps will really help to clarify where we can most help with the Teens Top 10.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.

Additional comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes



## Valerie Tagoe

### **Group: Symposium Planning and Marketing Taskforce**

**Chair: Scot Smith**

**Board Liaison: Ms. Valerie Amele Tagoe**

Function statement: To assist YALSA's Program Officer with the planning and marketing of the conference , including vetting papers and proposals, vetting scholarship applications, assisting the Program Officer with identifying authors and keynote speakers , and leveraging social media tools to promote the event and scholarship opportunities, and more. Members will regularly share content via social media and through their state and local networks to build excitement for and share information about the event. Members will work with YALSA's Communications Specialist to assist with the implementation of a marketing plan.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the weeks leading up to the symposium, we worked to finalize the program and deal with last minute changes.

The symposium was held virtually on November 6-8. I believe the symposium went exceptionally well given the virtual format. Three members of the task force--Keiko Sanders, DeAnza Williams, and I--moderated author panels. Amelia Jenkins wrote an article for YALS.

Advocacy: X

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services: X

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: X

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc): X

Outreach/Collaboration: X

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc):

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc): X

Other: What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: A new task force will work to develop the theme for the 2021 symposium.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The theme of the 2021 symposium....we will use social media and the YALSA web site to share that information.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Nothing at the moment....

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. The other members of the task force were stellar. No issues here

Additional comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

### **Group: Member of the Year Award Jury**

**Chair: Jessica Schwartz**

**Board Liaison: Valerie Tagoe**

Function statement: Work with YALSA's communications manager to promote and to solicit nominees for the following member awards for outstanding service to YALSA: 1) Chair of the Year 2) Member of the Year and 3) Member Group of the Year. Evaluate each nominee based on the nature and scope of accomplishment(s) and the degree of impact the work conducted has on advancing one or more goals in YALSA's Strategic Plan. Between December and January review the applications. Work with YALSA's communications Manager to issue a press release announcing the winners by Feb. 1st.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? My group began work November 1st. So far we have worked on promoting the Volunteer of the Year Award on several social media platforms and list-servs.

Advocacy: X

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services:

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc): X

Outreach/Collaboration:

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc):

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: Once we know how many nominations we will need to review, we will make a decision on how best to review and score them. If there are 4+, Nichole O'Connor will help us create a rubric for scoring. Once our jury reviews nominations and selects winners, we will notify the winners and write a press release.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I have already contacted Anna Lam to include a blurb seeking nominations in the YALSA newsletter. We will also market the award via library list-servs and social media. For example, we shared a post to the Teen Services Underground facebook page.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Help encourage members to nominate their peers for this award. Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. This has not been an issue for this jury.

Additional comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

## **Josie Watanabe**

**Group: Research Journal Advisory Board**

**Chair: Charlie Gluck**

**Board Liaison: Josie Watanabe**

Function statement: "Oversee the peer reviewing process as outlined in the Refereeing Process Guidelines as approved by the YALSA Board of Directors. The JRLYA Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Editor of the journal by assisting with the solicitation of contributors and articles as well as generating ideas for topical articles or themes, when requested from the Member Editor."

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The virtual board put out calls in a number of listservs and on YALSA's email updates and received two submissions for review, one of which was accepted. Robin and I have continued working to get the journal indexed and after a recent meeting with the virtual board, a member was able to connect Robin and I with her contacts at Gale. Since then, we've been in touch with Lori Peters who I believe is working Anna Lam to index the journal! We're putting out another call for submissions before the initial deadline at the end of November and continue to meet periodically to find new spaces to share out calls and give updates.

Advocacy: X

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services:

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):  
PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc): X  
Outreach/Collaboration: X  
Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc): X  
Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):  
Other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: We will continue work on indexing the journal and determine whether to extend the call for submissions, continuing to share the journal in online spaces and expand our own spreadsheet of email newsletters and listservs to refer to for future calls.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Calls for submissions, through email newsletters to YALSA members and other listservs which YALSA members may be subscribed to

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Continue to assist as we index our journal--this will bring additional legitimacy to the journal and increase a researcher's ability to find our publications outside of its webpage.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. No unexcused absences this quarter.

Additional comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

## AWARD COMMITTEES

**Group: Alex Award Committee**

**Chair: Karen Perry**

**Liaison: Isaiah West**

Function statement: To select and provide annotations for ten books from the previous year's publications written for adults which have special appeal for young adults, ages 12 through 18, and to compile and annotate a list of official nominees.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have met 4 times and are up to 26 nominations. We have discussed over 80 books during this time period through our Zoom discussion meetings.

Advocacy: X

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services:

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc): X

Outreach/Collaboration:

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc):

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other: Field nominations received as a result of e-news.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: Complete our task by January 10. We plan to meet every two weeks from now until Dec. 31.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Youth Media Awards

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Continue same support.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. None - even with one new baby and one case of COVID, we have had perfect attendance this quarter.

Additional comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Group: Margaret A. Edwards Award**

**Chair: Rebecca Baldwin**

**Liaison: Emily Townsend**

Function statement: To select a living author or co-author as well as a specific body of his or her work, who has made a significant and lasting contribution to literature for young adults. The book or books should be accepted by young people as an authentic voice that continues to illuminate their experiences and emotions, giving them insight into their lives.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We limited our finalist down to four and are currently reading all nominated titles. We met in October and discussed the first set of finalists and we will be meeting November to discuss the final two nominees.

Advocacy:

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services:

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: X

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc):

Outreach/Collaboration:

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc):

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other: X We are working to have an inclusive list of nominees. During our discussion we talk about issues in the books which do not fit YALSA inclusively policy.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: At the end of November we will have our final meeting to discuss nominees. We hope to select a winner at that time. If we do not we will meet again at the beginning of December to pick a winner.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We hope to share a winner with YALSA leadership in the beginning of December and the winner will be shared with YALSA members at the ALA midwinter conference.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? I have been in contact several times over the last few months with YALSA staff and their guidance has been incredibly helpful. I will continue to utilize them as a resource.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.

Additional comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Group: 2021 Morris Award Committee**

**Chair: Melissa Malanuk**

**Liaison: Kim Dare**

Function statement: To annually select and annotate from the previous year's publications a short list of five of the best young adult books written by a first-time author, then to select one winner from the five.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee has been busy reading, evaluating and deliberating on works by first time authors so we can have our finalist submitted for

December 1st. We are very close to having our finalist selected and think we will have our list in before the deadline.

Advocacy:

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services:

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: X

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc):

Outreach/Collaboration:

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc):

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other: X The list of our finalist will be a reader's advisory/ collection development resource but that will not be announced to the end of our term.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: Our plan is to select our finalist and then our winner. We also need to work on planning our author event to take place during mid-winter.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will announce our finalist in a few week and then our winner. The finalist will be announced by media release and I am assuming will be highlighted on the Hub.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? We are in very good shape. At this point we do not need help outside of what YALSA would already provide the committee.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. I have to say that this committee has been so dedicated to our work. Everyone has been reading, posting, joining in on our meeting and deliberations- claiming titles and keep up with debut authors. I have been very lucky that I have not had any problems with any member of the committee and that everyone has pulled their own weight and have been active participants. There were time when members were more active than not but everyone was very good about letting me and the rest of the committee know when they had to things going on that prevented from beginning as present or active in their reading/ posting.

Additional comments: I jus want to take a moment to say how proud I am of this committee. We got off to rocky start back in March but everyone came together to make an difficult situation work for us. ALA Connect has been our most useful. It was one of our main ways to communicate and we had some really great conversations about different titles on the platform.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Group: 2021 Nonfiction for Young Adults**

**Chair: Adrienne Gillespie**

**Liaison: Rachel Adams**

Function statement: To annually select the best non-fiction title published for young adults between January 1 and December 31 of the current year, available in English in the United

States and, if desired, to also select honor titles. The short list of finalists will be announced during the first week of December, with the winning, honor and nominated

titles announced at the following ALA Midwinter Meeting in January . The winners and honor books and authors will be recognized at an ALA or YALSA conference , and

the Committee will have the opportunity for input into the planning and implementation of the event.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have had meetings in September, October, and November, nominating a number of books that we will discuss later this month to determine our five finalists.

Advocacy:

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services:

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: X

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc):

Outreach/Collaboration: X

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc):

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: We will meet after Thanksgiving to determine out five finalists. At that time committee members will be assigned to write annotations for each of the five books.

The cahir will inform YALSA of the five titles

Our winner is due by January 11th. We will meet once more to choose the winner of our five finalists and discuss ideas for the event. We will also finalize our vetted list, and how to celebrate and publicize the titles on that list.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Our five finalists will be announced in early December. Our winner will be announce at Midwinter.

We are coming up with a create way to share the vetted list, possibly working with The Hub.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Rachel Adams and Nichole O'Connor have been very helpful.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. None at this time

Additional comments: None at this time.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Group: ALSC/YALSA Odyssey Committee**

**Chair's Name: Maryanne Olson**

**Board Liaison: Kim Dare**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States, and to also select honor titles.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Nominated finalists for discussion at Midwinter, organized agenda for Midwinter discussion, prepared preliminary material for press release

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Review by chair and committee to ensure that titles received were inclusive through review of blogs, top ten lists, and other press releases related to audiobook production

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Meet at revised Midwinter dates (January 8-10) to select Award winner and any honors, prepare press materials for the YMAS.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The Award winner and honors with guidance from ALA press office - using press release documents provided by ALA as a starting point.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? At this point YALSA has been great at answering questions and helping us to adapt to an all virtual experience.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Some issues with access to materials - this will likely be an ongoing concern for at least the first half of 2022 and should be

addressed with the next committee early on as many publisher/producer offices are still closed and publisher/producers heavily relied on digital submissions (and the ones that did send physical copies were met with significant delays) - some of these submissions required app download and/or other tech requirements for the committee that in some cases was difficult.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

## **BLOGGING TEAMS**

### **Group: Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults**

**Chair's Name: Danielle Jones**

**Liaison: Sara Beth Coffman**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select, annotate, and present for publication an annual list of notable audio recordings significant to young adults from those released in the past two years.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We considered 400 titles, and nominated 154 titles. We met twice in this period. We also did a diversity audit of our nominations.

What topics in the Organizational Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALSA article, e-news item, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To finalize our vetted list, then decide our top ten.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The final list of nominations, the vetted list, and our top ten.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee? It would be helpful if there was contact with a board liaison. Some kind of guidance in the processes, and a manual for the lists' coordinators with timelines, dates for quarterly reports, processes for turning in our vetted lists and top tens. It has been really hard figuring out how things are suppose to go, and tough hopeful with the new Hub manager, there was very little support from past manager, and most support this year came from other list coordinators and YALSA staff. (I would have been totally lost if it wasn't for Nichole O'Connor.)

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Heather Murfee stopped participating in meetings, polls, and responding to any communication.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

### **Group: Best Fiction for Young Adults**

**Chair: Allie Stevens**

**Liaison: Sara Beth Coffman**

Function statement: YALSA's Best Fiction for Young Adults Blogging Team presents fiction titles published for young adults in the past 14 months that are recommended reading for ages 12 to 18. The purpose of the annual list is to provide librarians and library workers with a resource to use for collection development and reader's advisory purposes.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the past 3 months, our team has nominated 32 titles to the BFYA2021 list. Of those 32, three were voted down (will not be official

nominations) and 4 are awaiting final decisions. Our nomination period closes tonight (11/15) at 12am Central time.

Advocacy: X

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services:

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc): X

Outreach/Collaboration:

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc):

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: Since our nomination period closed today, our team will be working over the next week to finalize our last 4 potential nominations and finish up the blog posts for all of our nominated titles. We will have our first vote on the final BFYA2021 titles on December 13, and will turn our completed final list of titles along with annotations in to YALSA by the first week of January.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? In the next 3 months we will be ready to share our final BFYA2021 list. We will forward this to Sara Beth Coffman and Nichole O'Connor for dissemination.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. There have been a couple of unexcused absences but overall committee members seem to have been engaged and participatory. There are 2 or 3 committee members who may not have read a high enough percentage of our nominations to vote on the final list, but they have a whole month to catch up so that may not be an issue. Overall, I have been really impressed with how the team has continued to devote time and attention to this work despite issues related to COVID.

Additional comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

### **Group: Great Graphic Novels for Teens**

**Chair: Crystal Chen**

**Liaison: Sara Beth Coffman**

Function statement: Great Graphic Novels for Teens is a list of recommended graphic novels and illustrated nonfiction for those ages 12-18, prepared yearly by YALSA.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the last three months, the committee has read, evaluated, and nominated graphic novels submitted for consideration. In addition to compiling a list of nominees, the committee has met twice a month to discuss nominated titles and provided The Hub with weekly blog posts.

Advocacy:

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services: X

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: X

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc): X

Outreach/Collaboration:

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc): X

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):



Other: We are also collaborating on a YALSA webinar to highlight and promote the final GGNT list in Feb 2021.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: In the next three months, we will have 2 more discussion meetings, a final voting meeting, and a final top ten meeting. We will continue producing weekly blog posts for The Hub through December.. We will also create annotations for the final list and submit a final bibliography.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will share the final list with YALSA members and talk about that and previous years' lists through the February webinar. We will continue to share information about nominated titles through The Hub blog posts.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? I think the newly formed award/selection list oversight committee will be a great resource for future committees. Stephen Ashley, Nichole O'Connor, and Ni'Shele Jackson continue to be helpful and responsive with all questions. The other selection list committee chairs have also been great and a wonderful resource. I also look forward to working with the new Hub manager Sara Beth Coffman.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them. Mike and Matisse have missed many of the Sunday discussion meetings, but I've met with them prior and we worked out a plan so that they make sure to provide their reviews/comments ahead of time so that it may be taken into account during discussions. They have been responsive to this and are communicating better regarding absences. I am a little worried that a couple of members are behind on their reading, but have discussed it in our coordinator meetings and am trying different strategies to address it.

Additional comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Group: Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers Blogging Team**

**Chair: Molly Dettmann**

**Liaison: Sara Beth Coffman**

Function statement: The Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers list identifies titles aimed at encouraging reading among teens who dislike to read for whatever reason. The list selects both fiction and nonfiction. Select a link below to view the full annotated Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers lists.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Our work is coming to an end and we have 80 titles currently up for consideration for our final 2021 Quick Picks Lists. The team has continued to meet monthly to discuss the books and why they should and should not make the final list. All blog posts are written and scheduled through the beginning of December for a total of 80 blog posts that have/will be published on The Hub.

Advocacy:

Fund, partner Development:

Leading the Transformation of Teen Services: X

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: X

Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc):

PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc): X

Outreach/Collaboration: X

Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc):

Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc):

Other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?: The last month and a half will have 2 more virtual meetings and discussions and a final vote count for the final list in mid-December.

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What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Quick Picks blog posts will continue to be published on The Hub through early December.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months. 5: Not Accomplished

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.

Additional comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes