

YALSA Board of Directors
Midwinter Meeting, Virtual
January 22-26, 2021

Topic: YALS Editor Report for Midwinter

Background: The purpose of the journal:

- 1) To serve as a vehicle for continuing education for librarians and library workers serving young adults
- 2) To publish articles of current interest to the profession
- 3) To showcase research and best practices in the field
- 4) To provide news from related fields
- 5) To spotlight significant events of the organization
- 6) To offer in-depth reviews of professional literature and resources
- 7) To serve as the official record of the association

Member editor, Yolanda Hood, is providing this midwinter report.

Action Required: Consent

At this time, the EAB meets once a month to discuss the YALS issues, those currently in the production cycle and future issues. We have worked to develop the themes for the 2021 publication cycle, focusing on issues that are current to the field, reflect the Teen Services Competencies, and YALSA's mission and vision.

Future Issues:

2021 Winter Youth Voices

2021 Spring Race(ism)

2021 Summer Adulthood 101

We continue to make it a priority to try to balance articles from both public and school library perspectives. YALS has continued to make this a priority while also seeking articles that are relevant to the mission of the journal by other professions (social work, youth organizations,

etc.). The EAB also made it a priority to increase the diversity of authors and began open calls for authors starting with the Fall 2020 issue.

Since the Annual Report the Spring 2020 issue, Teen-Driven Services, and the Summer 2020 issue, Middle School, have been published. The Fall 2020 issue, Trauma-Informed Services, is delayed, and expected to publish by the end of January. KWGlobal is now the digital publisher of YALS. During the transition of Cenveo workforce to KWGlobal, a couple of articles for the Fall 2020 issue were overlooked. The authors have since received their copy, provided revisions, and the issue will publish by end of January. Although, the intent was to put the journal back on production schedule, we are having some difficulty with that as we struggle to find authors for the issues. We have extended our call for the spring issue twice which will put the spring issue behind slightly. The EAB continues to work on expanding the author pool.

The YALSA 2021 Writing Award for YALS went to the article, “Bee-Tweens at the Bee Cave Public Library,” by Cate Sweeney and Terry Lewis, YALS Summer 2020.

The member editor contract was renewed for another contract year, December 2020-December 2021