

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

**Topic: JRLYA Editor Semi-Annual Report**

**Background: Robin A. Moeller, the member editor of JRLYA, has provided the Board with a semi-annual report. The journal is YALSA’s peer-reviewed, open source research journal, launched in November 2010 as part of the Board’s strategy for addressing the research goal in the strategic plan.**

**Action Required: Consent**

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## Updates

### 1. Issues Published During the Reporting Period

Volume 11, numbers 1 and 2 were published in early 2020. Since April, the journal had not accepted enough submissions to print additional issues in 2020. Between June and December, *JRLYA* received seven manuscript submissions. Of these submissions, one has been accepted, three have been rejected, and three are still currently under review. A new issue of the journal will likely be published in the February or March 2021.

### 2. Current Issues

As it has been noted in the past, finding enough research papers of publishable quality to fill issues continues to be a struggle. The *JRLYA* Advisory Board developed a theme in September for the next issue of the journal, with the aim of attracting more submissions. Another challenge that may have impacted the extent to which the journal has received quality submissions is the journal’s lack of indexing. Having worked with two Advisory Board members and journal manager, Anna Lam, *JRLYA* has very recently been included in the same indexes as its sister publications, *School Library Research* and *Children & Libraries*. The journal may begin to receive more high quality manuscript submissions through this means of increased exposure to researchers and practitioner.