

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Conference, Seattle
January 25 – 29, 2019**

Topic: *YALS* Editor report for Annual

Background: Crystle Martin, the Member Editor of *YALS*, has provided the Board with a semi-annual report. The purpose of the journal is: 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; and 7) to serve as the official record of the association.

Action Required: Consent

***YALS* Editor Report, Annual Conference 2018
Crystle Martin, Editor**

Over the last 6 months I have worked with the *YALS*/*YALS*Ablog Editorial Advisory Board (EAB) worked to develop the themes for the 2019 publication cycle, focusing on issues that are current to the field, reflect the Teen Services Competencies, and YALSA’s mission and vision. The EAB has also made it a priority to try to balance articles from the public and school perspective, given the large number of our membership that work in school, and have had a least one article written by those working in a school context in every issue since the last report. I have made it a priority to increase the diversity of authors and the places they work. This is being accomplished through outreach and using the networks of *YALS* board members. The EAB also reviewed articles published in *YALS* to determine gaps in coverage and to determine the need for special issues.

***YALS* 2018 has gone digital**

YALSA has been digital for two issues this year and so far the feedback has been positive.

***YALS* on the Web**

I have been working with Allison Renner the Member Manager for the *YALS*Ablog to integrate more content that is connected to the journal. This is being done in part by sending the bloggers the final proof of the journal’s content so that they can sign up and plan for posts related to *YALS* content. To go with these companion posts and the articles, I post the digital links to the resources referred to in the articles.

YALS 2018-2019

After one year of the advisory boards for YALS and the YALSAblog being combined, I am happy to report it has worked exceedingly well. The advisory board members have developed ideas for articles for themed issues and solicited authors from their networks. Given that the editor of YALS will become YALSA President at Annual 2018, the issues from Summer 2018 through Spring 2019 will be led by guest editors. The topics for this year are connected to the organizational plan and are:

- Summer 2018 – Intersectionalism/Cultural Awareness/Restorative Justice: Guest Editor Nichole A. Cooke (Published)
- Fall 2018 – Year-Round Teen Services in Public and School Libraries: Guest Editor Tess Wilson (Published)
- Winter 2019 – Social Emotional Learning: Guest Editor Linda Braun (In Production)
- Spring 2019 – Community College

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- Summer 2019 – Supporting EDI through Outcomes and Assessment - Presidential Theme Issue
- Fall 2019 – Connecting with Teens Outside of the Library
- Winter 2020 – Multifaceted YA Library Service
- Spring – Teen-driven services