

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Seattle
January 25 – 29, 2013

Topic: JRLYA Editor Midwinter Report

Background: Sandra Hughes-Hassell, the Member Editor of *JRLYA*, has provided the Board with a semi-annual report. As editor, Sandra works closely with the *JRLYA* Advisory Board. The journal is YALSA’s peer-reviewed, open source research journal that launched in November 2010 as part of the Board’s strategy for addressing the Research & Best Practices goal in the strategic plan.

Action Required: Consent

Updates

1. Reminder

Beginning with the spring 2012 issue, *JRLYA* moved to a dynamic publication schedule. As soon as a manuscript has met our rigorous review criteria, it will be published online. The *JRLYA* advisory board believes moving to a continuous schedule will allow YALSA to provide high quality, original research from scholars in our field in a timely manner. This change also aligns with YALSA’s use of electronic and social media to communicate, collaborate, and educate its members. As new manuscripts are added to *JRLYA*, they will be publicized in *YALSA E-News* and via YALSA’s social networking tools.

2. Recent Publications

We have published three papers since ALA Annual 2012.

“Critical Issues in Juvenile Detention Centers” by Jeannie Austin

This paper integrates information from critical, feminist, and poststructural pedagogies to provide a theoretical framework for providing library services to youth located in juvenile detention centers, to deconstruct ideas of “neutrality” in library services, and to frame librarianship as a site for enacting social and political change.

“Graffiti, Poetry, Dance: How Public Library Art Programs Affect Teens” by **Shannon Crawford Barniskis**

This two-part article addresses the outcomes of art programs in public libraries by examining the literature, and by asking teens how these programs can affect their civic engagement.

“Recent South Korean Immigrant Adolescents’ Everyday Life Information Seeking When Isolated from Peers: A Pilot Study” by Joung Hwa Koo

This research explores South Korean immigrant adolescents' information seeking in the period of transition before new peer groups are established.

3. Upcoming Publications

I have received two of the papers presented at the YA Literature Symposium: “This, That, Both, Neither: The Badging of Biracial Identity in YA Realism” by Hannah Gomez and “YA Literature: The Story Without and Within” by Regina Carter. These articles will be published in early February. Carol Tilly’s paper, which will be presented at midwinter during the Trends Impacting Young Adult Services session, will also be published in JRLYA. I have been in touch with Carol and will contact her again after midwinter to set a deadline for receiving her paper.

4. Dissemination

- a. YALSA staff and the JRLYA advisory board use a number of additional avenues to announce new articles, including (but not limited to) the YALSA Blog, YALS, YALSA E-News, ALISE Youth Sig listserv, JESSE, and LM-NET.
- b. Tweeting (and retweeting) is also an important dissemination avenue; as Beth noted yesterday in our phone call YALSA has 1500 twitter followers!

5. Manuscript Submissions

We continue to struggle with low submission rates. We have only received one paper since June.

I am planning to meet with Carol Tilley, coeditor of *SLR*, at midwinter to discuss strategies for receiving more quality submissions. *SLR* is publishing about three articles every three months so I am hoping she will be able to offer some insight into improving our submission rate.

The JRLYA Advisory Board has a conference call scheduled for January 14, 2013. As Frances Jacobson, chair of the advisory board, noted in her last report, one of the reasons might be that many of the iSchools are strongly recommending that faculty only publish in journals with an impact factor.

I have provided some information below about the process each of the organizations (Reuters and Scopus) requires.

Scopus: To suggest a title for indexing: <http://www.info.sciverse.com/scopus/scopus-in-detail/cover/suggest>

Here is a synopsis of the criteria for review in Scopus

- The title should publish peer-reviewed content.
- The title should be published on a regular basis (i.e. have an ISSN that has been registered with the International ISSN Centre).
- The title should have English language abstracts and article titles.

- The title should have references in Roman script.
- The title should have a publication ethics and publication malpractice statement.

We have all of these except a publication ethics or publication malpractice statement.

They also require that the review process be a Double-blind process-(Reviewers are unaware of the identity of the authors, and authors are unaware of the identity of reviewers). There must be at least three or more reviewers for the total number of articles in each issue. We only have two, plus me, per article.

They recommend that the journal be in publication for at least 2 years prior to application process. We began November 2010. We would need to submit at least nine articles for their review.

We also need a table of contents and an abstract for each article. We could do this each year. Each year would equal one volume.

Web of Science/ISI:

http://thomsonreuters.com/products_services/science/free/essays/journal_selection_processes/

I do not think right now we would meet their criteria--please see what you think. If we were to apply, the editor at Thomson Reuters will look for a steady flow of quality articles over a nine-month period. The appropriate number of articles for the journal will be determined by the norms for its particular Web of Science category.

I recommend that we look at the redesigned SLR webpage/online journal and discuss whether moving in that direction would be necessary or helpful before we consider applying for indexing. <http://www.ala.org/aasl/slr>

Additional Resources

- “Launching & Sustaining a Scholarly Journal on the Internet,” <http://bit.ly/w6zHvN>
- JRLYA, www.yalsa.ala.org/jrlya/
- *Library Trends*: www.press.jhu.edu/journals/library_trends/
- *School Library Research*: www.ala.org/aasl/slr
- Standards & industry news:
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