

May 2020 YALSA Quarterly Chair Reports

The following did not submit chair reports:

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Sarah Ryan ryansa@marylcook.com. – Modeling Services and Programs to include EDI Plan Elements

Melissa Malanuk mmalanuk@gmail.com – Morris 2021 Award Committee

David Wang dwang1211@gmail.com - Promoting Professional Success for Underrepresented Groups

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Executive Report

Group: Executive Committee

Chair's Name: Todd Krueger

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Board Liaison: Todd Krueger

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The Executive Committee consists of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Fiscal Officer, Secretary, YALSA Division Councilor and Executive Director (ex-officio). The President serves as Chair. While the Board of Directors serves as the governing body of the organization, the role of the Executive Committee, as with all committees, is to help the Board accomplish its work in the most efficient way. Its main purpose is to provide oversight and support for fiscal planning, and to communicate regularly to the Board regarding the financial health of YALSA, also in the case of a crisis or other urgent circumstances, to act in the best interest of YALSA.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The Executive Committee looked at the fiscal situation and was briefed by the Executive Director about finances. The draft FY21 budget was examined. In the interim, Covid-19 issues arose that forced the YALSA Executive Director to consider further budget cuts.

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

- Advocacy
- Fund & Partner Development
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will meet virtually on Saturday, June 27 to check in with the fiscal situation and if there are any ALA units that we need to connect with.

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? A message about the work of the Executive Committee and the Board will go out via the YALSA Blog after Annual.

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

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 Concerns or Comments: N/A

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

Amanda Barnhart

Group: Division and Membership Promotion

Chair's Name: Yvette Garcia

E-Mail: yleigh@chipublib.org

Board Liaison: Amanda F. Barnhart

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with staff to develop and pursue an aggressive and continuous campaign to recruit and retain members for YALSA ; to promote the association to colleagues and to key partners as defined in the YALSA Implementation Plan; to promote and maintain good relations with existing members through activities such as the member booth at conferences, recognition of member anniversaries, and outreach to lapsed members. To liaise with ALA's Membership Committee and New Members' Round Table

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

The past three months focused on the DMP's efforts for the production of a YALSA 101 session at the ALA annual conference. After the committee received updated information concerning the focus of YALSA 101 and 201, the committee began planning a YALSA 101 session for the ALA annual conference to be held in Chicago. These plans were placed on hold pending the situation around COVID-19. The committee also began discussions around YALSA 201 sessions. The cancellation of the ALA annual conference shifted committee work to planning a virtual 101 and 201.

Yvette, as committee chair, began reviewing documentation that would be helpful in planning YALSA 101 & 201 and reviewing the task list for other action items that the committee can work on. In the course of review, Yvette discovered that over the course of the past three years the DMP has been asked to consider several different "questions," "tasks" and/or "potential projects." She created a summary document and requested guidance on DMP tasks. The best course of action is for the DMP to focus on creating a Virtual 101 and a 201 session for the remainder of their term and prepare any transitionally documentation for the next committee.

The Virtual 101 session will be an adopted version of the student presentation the DMP had previously created and has presented to library school students. Molly Dettmann has presented the slide deck to a group of library school students and received positive feedback.

After careful review and consideration, the committee is recommending that the Virtual 101 be utilized in a post COVID world and having a different membership presentation during the current status of things. Librarians have a multitude of concerns around the current health crisis, such as virtual programming, funding reductions, staffing reductions, etc. The committee will create a virtual way to promote YALSA resources that will provide a sense of community support for membership.

The Virtual 201 session will be a webinar that focuses on the member volunteer experience – why to volunteer/importance, the process associated with volunteering and the volunteer experience. The creation of the 201 presentation will mostly likely lead to some future action items regarding the process.

The Chair would like to acknowledge the following committee members for creating slides decks for virtual sessions: Christine Edison ; Molly Dettmann ; Ruby Smart ; Emily Saltzman.

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)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The committee will focus on finalizing and scheduling the Virtual 101 & 201 webinars. We will also prepare documentation for the in-coming committee about current projects, etc.

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? Promoting the virtual programming that YALSA and ALA are hosting via our social media networks.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? YALSA can assist by providing information about upcoming virtual programming during ALA Virtual community/connection. The committee can promote any scheduled programs, etc.

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

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Chair End of Term Reporting Form

Group: Division and Membership Promotion

Chair's Name: Yvette Garcia

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Board Liaison: Amanda F. Barnhart

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To work with staff to develop and pursue an aggressive and continuous campaign to recruit and retain members for YALSA ; to promote the association to colleagues and to key partners as defined in the YALSA Implementation Plan; to promote and maintain good relations with existing members through activities such as the member booth at conferences, recognition of member anniversaries, and outreach to lapsed members. To liaise with ALA's Membership Committee and New Members' Round Table

What were the accomplishments your group's work in the last year?

This year's DMP committee has accomplished several items. The most noticeable items are three presentations - one for a student recruitment; a virtual 101 and a virtual 201. This was in addition to learning more about membership benefits and promoting those benefits, such as continuing education or hosting a table at a local conference. The committee developed a "postcard" to promote to membership that they can request YALSA material for local meetings, conferences, etc.

The committee also reflected on the results from the membership survey distributed in the fall. The results showed that members want a variety of ways to be recognized; one size doesn't fit all. There was also a lack of diversity within the results. The committee has made some recommendations for participation at the Joint Librarians of Color conference and has some thoughts on recognition. The committee has also made some recommendations for membership recruitment activities at YALSA symposium. All recommendations have been shared with board liaison.

other:

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members at the end of your term and how will you share it? We hope to have a message for membership during this time where

there may be multiple crises in our communities. The messaging will target staff and have a message of self-care and balance. Libraries and library staff can't do all the things, we must be wise in how we respond to a community's needs and not overload ourselves, our organizations, etc. Many committee members are currently returning to work; the completion date for this is TBA.

If your work is continuing, what feedback would you like to pass on to the next group? The DMP is typically charged with hosting and planing YALSA 101 at annual. This year we were asked to create a virtual version and create a virtual 201. The committee worked on the two presentation; however, the incoming committee will need to schedule, coordinate and host the virtual webinars. The committee will share the links to the webinars with our board liaison. The committee also created a presentation for library school students, we were unable to roll this out due to the COVID-19 situation. The committee chair will work with the board liaison for transition of all documents, updates, etc.

Do you know of any YALSA "stars" who we can encourage to be future YALSA leaders? There are three outstanding members of the DMP that have demonstrated leadership potential: Christine Edison, Molly Dettmann; Emily Saltzman.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A.
Additional Concerns or Comments: A summary document was submitted to board liaison about the various different responsibilities that fall under DMP with recommendations for future actions.

Traci Glass

Group: 22x20 Taskforce

Chair's Name: Yvette Garcia

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Board Liaison: Traci Glass

Committee Jury or Task Force 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?

22x20 taskforce hosted a panel presentation at PLA annual conference; the presentation was also featured on the e-publication "Ten essential programs at PLA 2020"

At PLA, Yvette, committee chair, and Abby, Director of Impact CIRCLE, were able to discuss 22x20 campaign updates and the new project name: Rep US. Abby invited taskforce participation in creating additional content that was grant funded (stipend is available). Yvette encouraged Abby to meet with YALSA leadership for further discussion concerning the taskforce's role in the project.

Tammy met with Abby and Yvette to review the campaign/project updates; Yvette also had some follow-up questions for the leadership regarding future participation/support of the Rep Us project.

Will the name of the taskforce be changed/Updated?

Will the focus be redefined or updated with specific outcomes?

Are there specific guidelines/recommendations regarding the taskforce creating content for CIRCLE?

The project has transitioned from focusing on the 2020 election to youth, media & democracy; with this new focus will the taskforce term be adjusted - will this be the beginning of a new taskforce/committee?

The taskforce had the opportunity to meet in April for a check-in/reflection on current task/workload. The taskforce was generally in good spirits and were willing/able to continue on-going work on creating blog posts. They also stated clearly that they would prefer to focus on teen civic engagement efforts surrounding the 2020 election. Until informed otherwise, we will continue to work with the focus on the 2020 election.

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.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

We will also be continuing to create blog posts. One area of potential focus will be providing resources for library staff on two important topics: Is it possible to advocate without getting political and managing library programs where the community is divided on an issue. The taskforce will continue to reach out to our network to encourage submitting content for Programming HQ on topics are civic engagement.

Finally, the taskforce will begin brainstorming virtual programming content, such as hosting our ALA proposal as a webinar for YALSA.

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 developing a webinar based on our ALA session proposal on teen civic engagement programs and teen voice.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? The 22x20 project/campaign has undergone some significant changes and CIRCLE continues to reach out for a stronger partnership, YALSA can provide guidance on participating/partnering with CIRCLE activities/projects. Guidance can include having the taskforce evaluate and make recommendations for the board to approve participating in events, creating content, etc for/with CIRCLE.

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

None. I have and will continue to check-in with staff regarding workload during this "working from home" time period.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Jane Gov

Group: Financial Advancement Committee

Chair's Name: Gregory Lum

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Board Liaison: Jane Gov

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Provide oversight and continued enhancement of the Friends of YALSA program, including promotion, fundraising and donor recognition.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were instructed by YALSA executive director to "ease" our Give \$20 in 2020 campaign. Each FAC member has or will post a blog once a month to share information about a sponsored project (e.g. Spectrum Scholar, National Legislative Day, Great Book Giveaway). We are continuing to write thank you notes to donors. Our most recent report is from February's donations.

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

- Advocacy

- Fund & Partner Development

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

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

- Outreach/Collaboration

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? There will be a virtual transition for the new FAC chair as ALA annual went virtual.

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 continue to promote the Joann Sweetland Lum Memorial Grant with members.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? I would like help from the YALSA staff or board for a smooth transition.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: none

Additional Concerns or Comments: How do board members officially recognize YALSA staff or members on a given project?

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

Todd Krueger

Group: Addressing Institutional Bias and Racism in Libraries

Chair's Name: Eric Schoenbaechler

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Board Liaison: Todd Krueger

Committee Jury or Task Force 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 task force had a change in the chair during this time period. I was appointed in early March, at which time most libraries in the country began to close and many of us spent much of our time focusing on transitioning our traditional services online. Because of this, most work that task force members accomplished was research on previous studies done on this and related topics, and sharing documents and ideas for a plan of action.

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)

- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The group will determine the best structure to present the materials to YALSA and begin creating an outline of content to be included. This will be done by selecting key topics identified during research and using these broad categories to build a comprehensive, yet approachable final product.

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, the group has not yet discussed materials ready to be shared with YALSA. Should anything be determined ready to share, it would likely be submitted for

distribution in member newsletters.

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.:

Nothing to report.

Additional Concerns or Comments: The current environment has thrown a major wrench into our initial timeline. As more of members of the task force have now become more comfortable in current work patterns, I believe the task force will be able to move back on track and have more to report within the next quarter.

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

Group: Board Development Committee

Chair's Name: Gail Tobin / Ritchie Momon

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Board Liaison: Todd Krueger

Committee Jury or Task Force 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 . Size: 5-7 virtual members, who have governance experience, including the chair. At least one member will have served on a recent Board Development Committee, and no more than two may be current members of the Board. Term: January 1 through December 31.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee met virtually and formed a plan to encourage member self-nomination through blog articles and reaching out to potential candidates identified by YALSA and previous Board Development Committees. The planned YALSA 301 program and Happy Hour networking with members was cancelled when Annual was cancelled. The first blog article is scheduled to be submitted within two weeks.

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.:

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to meet virtually regularly to plan and implement outreach to members.

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 encourage members to take a leadership role through blog articles and personal contact.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Forward names of any members interested in running for a

board position. YALSA staff has been very helpful in providing requested information.
Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:
Additional Concerns or Comments: We are concerned the current pandemic situation will make it more difficult to find people willing to commit to a leadership position requiring travel.
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

Group: Book Awards Oversight Committee

Chair's Name: Kim Dare

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Board Liaison: Todd Krueger

Committee Jury or Task Force 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. 5 to 7 virtual members, including the chair, as well as a designated liaison from the O&B Committee. Term: 2 years, commencing Feb. 1.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? As the Board has addressed the issue of how award committees will operate with the cancellation of ALA Annual, our group provided feedback on the Virtual Meeting Dispensation for Award Committees. We have regularly been in contact with our award committee chairs to help them find the answers to eligibility and process questions.

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.: Outreach/Collaboration other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

* We will maintain regular contact with the award committees, and address any issues that arise in a timely manner.

* We will make recommendations as requested to the Board regarding modifications that might be needed for future award committees given the ongoing impact of COVID-19.

* Several task forces have been working on creation of/ revision of award committee manuals. The work on the Odyssey Award Committee Manual revisions (a joint venture with ALSC) is wrapping up. The work on an official manual for the Morris Award Committee will be submitted to the Board for review by mid-June. Work on the Alex Award Manual has been suspended for the immediate future.

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 are 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? YALSA has been very responsive.

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

No participation concerns-- the members have been rock stars in the midst of all of the uncertainty.

I did offer Edith the option of switching with me from the Morris Committee liaison to the Printz Committee liaison since she didn't have a high comfort level with some of the eligibility issues that can come up with Morris. She took me up on that offer in April. The chairs for both committees are aware of

the changes.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None

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

Group: Encouraging LIS and iSchools to include EDI Plan Elements in Curricula

Chair's Name: Kay Hones

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Board Liaison: Todd Krueger

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Considering the Teen Services Competencies for Library Staff and the EDI Statement and EDI Plan, this task force will work with LIS and iSchools to ensure that cultural competencies, equity, diversity and inclusion is included in all youth-oriented curricula.

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

We did not meet in April or May.

During our March meeting we reviewed the survey & discussed possible ways to distribute the survey (We hope to use SurveyMonkey)

Ideas for places to send it: ACRL Instruction list-serve, ACRL First Year Experience list-serve, other ACRL discussion groups possibly searching for LIS teaching staff on school sites. in our June meeting we plan to revise action calendar for June-October. We continue to post article of interest on ALA Connect

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.:

- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Our survey is ready to send out. We need to create SurveyMonkey & plan for distribution. We need to revise out timeline.

Hopefully we will meet in June & continue monthly meetings. A lot depends on the on going Covid 19.

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? Not at this time. Thanks

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

we need access to SurveyMonkey.

Also access/contact information for ACRL First Year Experience list-serve, other ACRL discussion groups contact data for LIS teaching staff on school sites.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: none

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Thanks..we would be interested in new communication ideas in view of Covid-19...

possibly new, media ways to share information.

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

Group: Morris Award Manual Taskforce

Chair's Name: Kim Dare

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Board Liaison: Todd Krueger

Committee Jury or Task Force 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. Size: 5 to 7 virtual members, including the chair. Term: March 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We officially formed around mid-March, and were able to hit the ground running with a planning meeting at the end of that month. After reviewing the current policies and procedures and the unofficial manual, we are in the final stages of putting together our recommendations for a manual that is closely modeled after existing YALSA award committee manuals.

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will give our recommendations to the Board by June 15. Based on the Board's feedback, we will make any modifications needed over the next several months.

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-- none at his time.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Nothing beyond what you're already doing-- we appreciate the answers to questions we've had.

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

Additional Concerns or Comments: Our most recent Zoom meeting on May 3 was a good one, but I think that members are feeling the effects of all of this weirdness with our virtual jobs and social distancing and the myriad unknowns about the coming months. I made sure folks knew that if the work of the task force is helping them cope, that's wonderful, but that if it's a source of stress, there's no judgement. I haven't heard from anyone that they would like to step back, but there hasn't been much activity on the manual since that meeting. We will still have recommendations for you by June 15... they just might not be quite as polished as they would in a different time.

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

Group: Outstanding Books for the College Bound

Chair's Name: Yolanda Hood

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Board Liaison: Nicole O'Connor/Todd Krueger

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To support lifelong learning by preparing a revised and updated edition of the annotated Outstanding Books for the College Bound booklist to guide students of all ages planning to continue their education beyond high school. The booklist is updated every five years.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? This group was charged with re-doing the 2019 list. We have met a minimum of 4 times, reviewed the 2014 list, and have begun reading and discussing titles for the new list.

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? we will continue to read and discuss titles before taking votes. We will choose the best titles for the list and provide annotations.

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 goal is to complete the list by mid-August 2020 at the latest.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? NA

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: NA
Additional Concerns or Comments: NA

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

Group: Presidential Initiatives Task Force

Chair's Name: Todd Deck

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Board Liaison: Todd Krueger

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To provide support, guidance and advice to the YALSA President in the implementation of their theme. Activities may include working with the President to review Organizational and Implementation Plans to develop and coordinate appropriate theme-related goals, activities, and initiatives. As appropriate, collaborate with relevant YALSA leaders and groups to implement theme-related activities, including but not limited to the blog managers, journal editors, and committee chairs. Taskforce size: 5 - 7 virtual members including chair. Term: 1 year term starting July 1 ending June 30 of the following year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The work of the TF pretty much came to a halt with the advent of the pandemic and the cancellation of the ALA Annual Conference.

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- Advocacy
- Fund & Partner Development
- 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, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? This TF has wound down and the next Presidential Initiatives TF supporting Amanda will soon start up.

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? N/A

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

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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. Update the award criteria

in the Alex Policies and Procedures. The criteria should be clear, specific, and detailed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The Re-Imaging Alex Task Force has been on hold since the onset of the coronavirus quarantine and various state stay-at-home orders. We are hoping to resume committee work in early June. We had not gotten very far past introductions and first thoughts about the Alex Award before the current health crisis paused our work.

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

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

other: NA

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The Re-Imaging Alex Task Force has been on hold since the onset of the coronavirus quarantine and various state stay-at-home orders. We are hoping to resume committee work in early June and begin brainstorming ways to collect data from current and former Alex members about the efficiency of the award as it is now.

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? Probably nothing to share until our work concludes toward the end of the year.

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:

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

Group: Social Media Taskforce

Chair's Name: Franklin L Escobedo

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Board Liaison: Todd Krueger

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To create and share the YALSA lists via social media.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? While the group was doing well before the end of 2019. The group has fallen apart and no response from members.

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

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? While I think most of the taskforce terms were up in June. If the task force is to be reformed we will need some direct direction from the YALSA office to make sure that we're promoting what the Office wants.

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, we need to regroup to make a plan.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? More direction on what makes it easier for YALSA office use social media created by the taskforce.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I think COVID19 did the committee in.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Karen Lemmons

Melissa McBride

Group: Teens Top Ten

Chair's Name: Sarah Razer Carnahan

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Board Liaison: Melissa McBride

Committee Jury or Task Force 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.

Committee size: 7 virtual members including the Chair and at least two members from the previous year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? After assisting with the final count of titles, we waited until the 25 nominations were announced. Late March, I checked in with everyone about COVID-19 and working from home as well as asking everyone to 'reply all' just on how they were feeling and what their situations were. That allowed a bit of normalcy and checking in. Once the nominations were announced late April, I forwarded the announcement to the committee members asking them to promote as best they could during this time - lots of social media on professional accounts as well as personal ones. I shared on our school library's Twitter and my personal one and plan on sharing multiple titles at once through the coming months. Our next big push will be when we all return to our libraries and can create displays and push for voting.

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.:

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? While working from home, probably mostly a social media push or if librarians could focus on the nominations or virtual book clubs.

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 just keep pushing the reading of the 25 nominations so that teens will vote in the fall.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? I would imagine your graphics or social media posts would be fancier than most of ours. Maybe create a bingo-like card of titles that teens could mark off the

books they've read. Whatever normal things YALSA makes, we will use them, but I think with everyone staying home right now, we need a virtual type of display since teens aren't visiting libraries to see the books in person.

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

Charlie Osborne

Abigail Phillips

Group: YALSA Research Committee

Chair's Name: Yolanda Hood

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Board Liaison: Abigail Phillips

Committee Jury or Task Force 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. The Chair of YALSA's Research Committee serves as YALSA's official liaison to ALA's Committee on Research & Statistics .

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

Research subcommittees working on literature reviews

Group members completing research round ups

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? group members will complete research round ups for the next two issues of YALS. We will not review applications for the YALSA Doctoral Dissertation award because there were no applications.

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? research roundups in YALS issues

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? This year we did not get much feedback from the board about goals/projects that it would like to see completed. So, we have been going with researching top trends that could affect teens and services to teens such as trauma-informed services.

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

Colleen Seisser

Group: Hub Advisory Board
Chair's Name: Stephen Ashley
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Board Liaison: Colleen Seisser

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? Continued to work on new content, selected lists, and the Hub reading challenge.

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, 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? Continue working on selected lists and developing new content and prepare to transition to a new advisory board.

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? News about selected lists and blogging opportunities that will come through blog posts.

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

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 Concerns or Comments: n/a

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

Valerie Tagoe

Group: Organization & Bylaws
Chair's Name: Kate Denier
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Board Liaison: Valerie Tagoe

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? Due to COVID-19, our capacity to complete work together as a committee has been limited due to the varying situations among committee members. Kate wrote a Bylaws Board Document that was passed, allowing the Board to meet virtually in June 2020 due to ALA Annual being cancelled. Kate also checked in with committee

members again in early May to see if they are able to work on tasks at this time. Two responded saying they could do something small.

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

- Advocacy
- Fund & Partner Development
- 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 (Please explain below)

other: Kate used email to check in on committee members and to pass along the "Meeting Virtually Due to the Cancellation of the ALA Annual Conference 2020" Board Document to Todd Krueger. It was posted on ALA Connect for Board Members to review and provide feedback.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The two committee members who said they have the ability to help out during this pandemic will help Kate craft a Board Document about some potential Bylaw changes. Once that is completed, Kate will check in with Todd Krueger to see if there is anything else he would like this current O&B committee to tackle before our term is up in June. If not, Kate will prepare to pass along any resources and information to the new O&B Chair.

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 can share information related to the Board Documents, if needed. Depending on what work may come after that, we will share accordingly if we complete additional tasks during June.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Nothing at this time.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None- due to the unusual circumstances of the pandemic. It is completely understandable that communication and participation during this time is slow or non-existent.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Group: YALSA Symposium Planning and Marketing Taskforce

Chair's Name: Scot Smith

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Board Liaison: Ms. Valerie Amele Tagoe

Committee Jury or Task Force 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? Develop the title and the theme for the symposium, evaluate and select programs and sessions from submissions, and select authors and create panels for author presentations

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? To continue to evaluate programs and plan for a virtual conference

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? Announcements about the symposium, its authors, and program sessions....via the YALSA website and social media

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? To help us understand what we need to do as we transition to a virtual conference

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

None...the taskforce was worked together exceptionally well so far.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

BLOGGING TEAMS

Group: Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Danielle Jones

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Board Liaison: not sure

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Each year, YALSA's Amazing Audiobooks Blogging Team selects and annotates an annual list of notable audio recordings significant to young adults from those released in the past two years. The name of the list became Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults with the 2009 list and was previously known as Selected Audiobooks for Young Adults.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee has nominated 84 books to date, and has considered a total of 228 so far. We have had weekly blog posts on The Hub, but have moved from having three nominations per week to two since the pandemic. This has given the members some extra time to process all the changes in both their work and home lives. We have had two meetings. We have also worked with publishers this year to try to acquire submissions digitally as much as possible. Because there is unprecedented stresses on individuals because of current circumstances, some committee members have needed to step back a little from the work, and we are trying to warn each other about titles that might be a harder to listen to right now.

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, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We have a couple more virtual meetings scheduled to discuss nominated titles. We will do a straw poll check-in with titles nominated so far to see where folks are at with them. We will continue to post blog posts of nominated titles. Also, I would like to conduct a diversity audit of our nominations to date.

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 continue to post blog posts of our nominations.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? For AAYA, our policies and procedures need to be update. There are outdated timelines, and some contradicting policies. The past chairs and I have reworked the policies to represent more accurately how the work is done. We would Like YALSA to consider this.

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

There are a couple of members that are pretty inactive. Pre-pandemic, I did check in with them and it sparked some interaction. Since the pandemic, I have been trying to offer the committee members a sense of grace to put personal priorities over committee work. I plan to do some "welfare checks" during this next period.

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's Name: Allison A. Stevens

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Liaison: Stephen Ashley

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: YALSA's Best Fiction for Young Adults Blogging Team selects significant fiction books (not including graphic novels) published for young adults and annotates the selected titles.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? As of the end of March, the BFYA2021 team had nominated 32 titles for consideration for the Best Fiction selected list.

Nominating committee members wrote blog posts for nominated titles to be posted on the Hub. The team met for monthly meetings (2 meetings in January) to go over committee policy and procedure and begin group discussion of nominated titles.

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.:

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to read and nominate titles, and we have monthly meetings scheduled for May, June, and July.

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 continue sharing 1-3 blog posts per week for newly nominated titles.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Some readers are staying more up-to-date on titles than others, but everyone on the committee is participating at an acceptable level, especially given current circumstances with COVID-19.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Group: YALSA Great Graphic Novels for Teens Blogging Team

Chair's Name: Crystal Chen E-Mail: crystalchen@nypl.org

Liaison: Stephen Ashley

Committee Jury or Task Force 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 monthly to discuss nominated titles and provided The Hub with weekly blog posts.

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.:

- 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 committee will continue to read, evaluate, and nominate graphic novels; prepare weekly blog posts; and meet on a monthly basis for a group discussion of nominated titles.

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 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? Stephen Ashley has been very open and supportive of the committees. I feel comfortable turning to him and checking in with the other selected list coordinators when questions arise.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Early in year, there were issues with members having to withdraw due to personal reasons and one member that was unreachable despite multiple attempts. In consultation with the liaisons, replacement members were found. Prior to COVID-19, we had a couple of members that did participate in the email chains but were not participating on the committee docs and had wavering attendance. I set up a meeting with one of the members and walked him through the docs, and since then, his participation has improved. For the other member, I had intended to meet with him but then COVID-19 hit. I feel a bit concerned about overwhelming him so I'm just monitoring the situation currently. His communication has generally been good over email, so it may be a technological issue in regards to the docs/spreadsheet and Zoom. If his attendance continues to waver, I will reach out to him to see if an alternative solution can be provided if it's a matter of technology, timing, family responsibilities, etc.

Additional Concerns or Comments: COVID-19 has had a major impact regarding accessibility of books and a bit on member participation. I'm trying to combat the former by focusing committee efforts on available digital titles. The latter is more difficult because everyone's situation is different, and I want members to prioritize their own mental/physical well-being while also gently encouraging them to keep up reading and evaluating efforts. It's been a challenge negotiating that because many members have to care for children and aren't perhaps in a great headspace right now, so I want to give them room to breathe while still keeping in mind the committee's charge. I think in a normal year, the list of nominated titles would be longer at this point, but I also think that morale is relatively good and that most members are doing very well regarding nominations, discussions, and posts, especially considering the circumstances. Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: 2021 Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers Blogging Team

Chair's Name: Molly Dettmann

Liaison: Nichole O'Connor

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The list is for young adults (ages 12-18) who, for whatever reasons, do not like to read. The purpose of this list is to identify titles for recreational reading,

not for curricular or remedial use.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The Quick Picks team has met monthly for about an hour and a half. The team has submitted 33 titles to be in consideration for the 2021 Quick Picks List. 29 are now official nominees. 9 blog posts featuring 20 of those titles have been published on YALSA's The Hub.

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The Quick Picks team will continue to meet monthly and submit titles for consideration and publish blog posts on The Hub. At the June meeting all of the nominees for the first half of the year will be 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? Blog posts for Quick Picks nominated titles will be shared on The Hub and via YALSA's social media accounts. I will share information to the team, as needed, via email, our Google Groups, and at Zoom meetings.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Nothing at this time

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: No participation concerns. All team members have communicated well and have participated more despite COVID-19 difficulties.

Additional Concerns or Comments: I appreciate YALSA's message to committee Chairs that we then could relay to our committee members that these are difficult times and to be flexible with our committee members and committee work. Quick Picks has been able to truck along, but I had given that message to my team before, and it made me feel better to have the backing of YALSA as well.

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

SELECTION/AWARD COMMITTEES

Group: Alex Award

Chair's Name: Karen Perry

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Liaison: Isaiah West

Committee Jury or Task Force 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?

As libraries closed we were in contact with publishers to change mailing addresses for our committee members to their home addresses. This has been successful. Our board liaison Isaiah and staff contact Nichole have both kept up with our activities and provided information and direction as we planned our strategies for moving forward.

Our committee held a tutorial session on our spreadsheet tool Airtable, led by Deanie Adams. Members are working well with Airtable, inputting titles of interest and reporting on reading progress and opinions. A virtual committee discussion was held on Thursday, April 30 with all members in attendance.

Consensus was reached on our procedures for eliminating titles from consideration and on moving titles

forward. We discussed titles which had received positive reaction from committee members and eliminated titles which had multiple no votes. Requests have been made by the chair to publishers for review copies. Some are received in print and some in epub versions and some in galley form. We are grateful that publishers representatives are able to respond while working at home.

Our next virtual meeting will be on May 29th.

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)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

1. Solicit titles of interest to committee from publishers.
2. Read suggested titles.
3. Continue to meet virtually as a whole committee on a monthly basis to discuss those titles with positive reaction within committee.
4. Solicit member nominations for Alex Award through YALSA member newsletter and/or blog post.

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? Following YALSA webinar "Strategies to Increase Adult Books Titles for Teens", we will solicit member nominations through YALSA member newsletter and/or blog post.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? nothing at this time

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

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Group: Margaret A. Edwards Award

Chair's Name: Rebecca Baldwin

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Liaison: Emily M. Townsend

Committee Jury or Task Force 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 insight into their lives.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Over the past three months the group has finalized a nomination list of 14 authors with a variety of works. We have begun reading the nominated work and we have set up dates to hold our discussions.

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: We worked to include titles of books that were diverse and featured characters of different backgrounds and with different sexuality. We also tried to include diverse authors.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Over the next three months we will be reading all nominated titles and begin having meetings to limit our nominees to our top 3.

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 continue to accept nominations from YALSA members.

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.: The only concern I currently have is to keep communicating with committee members and making sure that all committee members have access to the nominated materials because of COVID-19. I am making a point to email committee members regularly. Also, committee members have been encouraged to stay in contact and let me know about any issues they are experiencing. The committee know that if they are unable to gain access to materials then we may adjust our discussion schedule which is flexible as long as we can get a winner by the deadline.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Group: Nonfiction for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Adrienne Gillespie

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Liaison: Rachel Adams

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best non-fiction title published for young adults during a Nov. 1 – Oct. 31 publishing 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. Committee size: 9 plus a consultant from the staff of Booklist, and an administrative assistant if requested. Term: one year: February 1st and ending the following year on January 31st.

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

In the last three months we have started the process of finding, reading and deciding if books are worthy of a nomination. This has been made a little trickier than usual because many publishers are not able to ship books. I contacted them again to let them know that we would accept ebook submissions, but that our final decisions will be made based on print books.

Additionally, one committee member resigned for health reasons. The empty spot was filled quickly and we had a Zoom meeting on Saturday, May 9th for formal intros and set expectations for online meetings in June, in lieu of our face to face meetings at Annual.

We also received to field 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.: Outreach/Collaboration
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will have all nominees read by our meetings in June. Otherwise, we will continue reading and looking for other books to nominate.

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? Nothing at this time.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Not sure at this time. Thank you for finding a replacement quickly!

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None
Additional Concerns or Comments: None

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

Group: Odyssey Committee

Chair's Name: Maryanne Olson

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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? Continued solicitation from publishers of audiobook titles and review by committee members in preparation for virtual committee meeting (to replace ALA Annual meeting). Titles for discussion at this virtual meeting will be decided on May 15. We held a quick check-in via Zoom in April to update members on plans to replace cancelled in-person ALA meeting. I also noted that members should contact me and/or board liaison for their respective association (YALSA or ALSC) if covid-19 affects their ability in any way to contribute fully to the committee.

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.: Outreach/Collaboration other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will meet virtually as per YALSA guidelines shared by Todd in June to discuss titles suggested by the committee till now to replace the physical ALA meeting. Following that meeting, we will proceed as outlined in the Odyssey Manual with review of audiobooks, nomination, and continued solicitation from publishers.

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 - meetings are confidential

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.:

YALSA members are all actively participating in reviews and are responsive to emails. I have concerns about one ALSC member who has been absent in reviews and emails, but I will follow up accordingly with ALSC liaison as needed.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

Group: Michael L. Printz committee

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Board Liaison: Edith Campbell

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select from the previous year's publications the best young adult book ("best" being defined solely in terms of literary merit) and, if the Committee so decides, as many as four Honor Books.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have read and rated over 150 books as to whether they are No, Maybe, or Yes based on their literary quality. Books with a Yes vote must be read by all the members and discussed virtually in June and in person in January. Books with a Maybe vote need a second reader. We communicate through emails, ALA Connect, and have had four Zoom meetings. I have communicated with the publishers via email to solicit submissions.

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.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Since our committee work is secret until the winners are announced we are not in direct contact

with the membership yet. But, in January we will have an effect on literary excellence with our recommendations of the winners.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to read and rate the books we receive either in print or digitally through e-books and e-audiobooks. In June we will meet at the time Annual would have met. We will Zoom and discuss all the books that have gotten a Yes vote and we will do a straw poll for our first, second, and third place choices to see where the feeling of the group is.

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 solicit nominations of books from the membership in order to have the broadest range possible.

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.:

Additional Concerns or Comments: At this time it is exceedingly difficult for publishers to get us the books in print format. But, we are accepting them in digital formats, and that seems to be working. I have tried to keep in contact with the publishers and let them know that we sympathize with them.

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