

## Josie Andrews

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**Group:** Teen Civic Engagement Committee

**Chair's Name:** Rachel McDonald

**Board Liaison:** Josie Laine Andrews

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To create resources, training, and events that support members in centering engaging diverse teen voices and elevating the issues that are important to them; to highlight all aspects of civic engagement programming, with a special focus on teens being heard, counted, and active during elections; explore partnership opportunities with other ALA divisions or groups to develop trainings, toolkits, or other resources.

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

Created a SMART goal to work with CIRCLE and LAMP to present to YALSA members on their media making toolkit in spring 2023

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).

- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? 1) See if folks from CIRCLE/LAMP are willing to present in spring 2023 and 2) coordinate with YALSA Program Officer Carla Jamison to set up webinar

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? If we can proceed with the webinar, we'll share in the newsletter and hopefully via other channels as well (social media, etc.)

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Colleen just contacted me about adding a new committee member, which is very helpful

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: We only have 3 committee members at present, and 1 of them hasn't been able to attend either of the 2 meetings we've had so far. She has an ongoing family emergency so I've continue to keep her in the loop and solicited her feedback via email after our last meeting but I expect that the attendance issues may continue. If she isn't able to engage before January, I'll connect with her in the new year and ask her if she has capacity for the work at this time.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

## Kelly Czarnecki

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**Group:** Board Development

**Chair's Name:** Kelly Czarnecki

**Board Liaison:** Kelly Czarnecki

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To develop in conjunction with the board activities and materials for: board orientation, ongoing 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

Diversity. 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? We developed a strategy of contacting folks to run for the 2023 YALSA election slate. Our own networks to reaching out to YALSA sponsored Emerging Leaders, Spectrum Scholars, current committee chairs, attendees at previous Board meetings and those on a spreadsheet that have expressed interest in the past or attended YALSA 301. We also discussed ideas for Board training particularly around EDI. Any articles, videos, or other training tools we come across to share.

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

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our last meeting is scheduled in December to touch base. Our term ends at the end of that month. We'll get together one last time to discuss any further developments of the slate (though our deadline for a completed slate is Nov 1) and additional ideas for training.

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 YALSA President has been shared the finalized slate and that will be shared with the members via Connect, the blog, and other social media tools.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? It would be helpful to have had more feedback from the Board that they were reaching out to their networks to help develop the slate.

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

Additional Concerns or Comments: Unfortunately we were unable to develop a full slate for all the positions needed.

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

**Kate Denier**

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**Group:** Financial Advancement Committee

**Chair's Name:** Gail Tobin

**Board Liaison:** Fiscal Officer - Kate Denier

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Provide oversight and continued enhancement of the Friends of YALSA program, including promotion, fundraising and donor recognition. Work with the Board and staff year-round to create and implement virtual fundraising campaigns and fundraising efforts at conferences, aimed at both members and others, to support the \$19,595 worth of member scholarships and stipends YALSA gives out annually. Periodically review YALSA's Fundraising Toolkit and make updates, as needed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have collected donations for the Silent Auction, vetted a different auction bidding platform (BiddingOwl), and reviewed

promotional ads. A new committee member was also added.

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)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue meeting regularly to work on the silent auction and work on promotion as well as encourage donations for Giving Tuesday.

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 articles to encourage donations for Giving Tuesday and FOY

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.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

## Susannah Goldstein

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**Group:** Book Awards Oversight Committee

**Chair's Name:** Courtney Waters

**Board Liaison:** Susannah Goldstein

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.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Oversight committee members continued to field questions from the chairs. These questions were primarily in regards to eligibility and deadlines for YMAS. We were also asked by Franklin to compile a list of banned or challenged YALSA Award Winners/Honors for Banned Books Week and the Oversight Committee put together a quick spreadsheet with the relevant information. We were delighted to hear from Franklin that the YALSA board had accepted our recommendation to alter the MAE Award eligibility requirements.

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.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Oversight Committee members worked hard behind the scenes on the Banned Books Week project.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to field questions regarding the YMAS and see what recommendations we might make for next year's committee to ensure a smooth transition.

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? As always, we appreciate the prompt responses from YALSA admin as we figure out the specifics of YMA procedures and other end-of-the-year tasks. Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None to note.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

## Matthew Layne

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**Group:** Selection List Oversight Committee

**Chair's Name:** Erin Durrett

**Board Liaison:** Matthew Layne

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To ensure efficient functioning of YALSA's selection list committees. To help interpret existing policy 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 selection list committees. To facilitate communication among selection list 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.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? My group did not collaboratively work on any of our assignments. I did send out emails to the Selection List Chairs and answered several end of year type questions for them. We decided on November 1st as a date to close field nominations, as the committees can't accommodate requests after that date. The selection list chairs asked for me to have their links taken down in the meantime.

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
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? In the next three months, I plan to have the selection list policy revisions completed as well as the diversity/inclusivity audit that we will be requiring in the future for the Selection List committees to complete for all nominated titles. I also plan to add information to the guide that goes out to Selection Chairs. We also plan on completing the year end survey for chairs and committee 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 send the completed diversity/inclusivity audit and updated selection list policies to Matt, so that he can share them with the YALSA Board.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Just respond to any end of year questions we submit.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I unexpectedly had some health problems and was in and out of the hospital in late spring and late summer/early autumn. My group did not meet during those times.

Additional Concerns or Comments: There is no Selection Oversight Committee planned for next year. I suggested to Colleen that the Awards Oversight could be combined with the Selection List Oversight Committee. I do feel like there will be work that I have not completed by end of year and would like to

continue on, to make sure the Selection List Guide is complete.  
Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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**Group:** Teen Top Teen

**Chair's Name:** Kathy Dejnowski

**Board Liaison:** Matthew Layne/Carla Jamison

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: I'm not sure. I was never given the Task Force Function statement with my roster.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have been working on getting the voting done for the Teen Top 10 and getting them published on the website. We have been recruiting reading groups for next year's top teen books. Since I am new to being a chair, I have been in constant contact with Carla Jamison, our liaison, and the previous chair, Shira Pilarski for advice on when and what needs to be done. I have contacted the committee members to let them know that it will be a bit before we officially meet to go through the book choices and to keep them updated on the progress.

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? Our working plan for the next three months is to gather the information for the reading groups and send the publisher representatives the new addresses and have them remove the old one. Review the Committee review spreadsheets, have the committee keep a running tally of books nominated for the Teen Top Ten Award, collate the reviews by the publisher and get feedback, New reader groups begin their year, send out last call for previous year's nomination out to reader groups and get the monthly/quarterly review spreadsheet for December out to the committee.

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 yet until we get the list finalized.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? I'm not sure, this is my first run at being the lead and I have had a group of wonderful people helping me out.

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

**Melissa Malanuk**

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**Group:** 2022 YALSA Symposium Task Force

**Chair's Name:** Amy Ojserkis

**Board Liaison: Melissa Malanuk**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

The function statement of the Member Group is: 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. Size: 5 to 7 virtual members, including the chair. Term: February 1 through November 30.

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

Completed all tasks, points as outlined in Function Statement above:

- \* Reviewed Scholarship Applications for two awards. Chose and notified winners of scholarships (1 public and 1 school librarian)
- \* Worked with publishers and authors to confirm panels
- \* Developed and reviewed with authors and publishers the Moderator questions for panels
- \* Revised panels, questions and sessions as people dropped-out and were added in (to finalize Program)
- \* Assigned committee member tasks for Symposium
- \* Implemented all planned tasks at Symposium, including trouble-shooting delivery of YALSA supplies, registration materials, etc.

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.:

- 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?

- \* Taking a deep breath after the Symposium.
  - \* Planning a debriefing session to evaluate what did and not work in planning for 2023 Symposium
- 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? \*YALSA President will share news of the 2023 Symposium.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

- \* Recruit more volunteers for the Task Force, the Symposium (possibly teens from the 2023 public library)

- \* Reach out to first time attendees to see if they would like to volunteer for next year's Symposium

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

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

**Abigail Phillips**

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**Group:** Education Advisory Committee

**Chair's Name:** Yvette Garcia

**Board Liaison:** Abigail Phillips

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The role of the Education Advisory Committee is to

assist with providing appropriate and timely topics for continuing education offerings to the Executive Director and Program Officer for Continuing Education and Development and to identify qualified individuals to facilitate continuing education sessions

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

During the past quarter, the committee has coordinated the fall membership webinar calendar and has brainstormed ideas for the winter calendar. The committee is exploring the idea of having a two-part series of webinars for managers - Based on previous surveys and antidotal information there is a desire among the membership for discussing best practices for dealing with difficult conversations and/or situations; additionally, teen-serving staff are managing spaces, budgets, etc. and would like guidance, resources, and a community to exchange ideas.

Several committee members attended YALSA Symposium and were able to coordinate a focus group on the topic of continuing education. We will be compiling our notes and reflecting on our findings within the next few weeks. A formal report with suggestions/thoughts for discussion will be submitted in the near future. Committee members coordinated attending several sessions and will be coordinating Symposium highlights for a December webinar.

The committee review ALA submissions for the annual conference. It is always exciting and challenging in evaluating and selecting sessions for ALA. The committee sought to have a balance in themes, topics, and audiences. We did hold a spot so that YALSA can respond to current/prevalent needs.

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

other:

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

In the coming months, we will follow up our focus group discussion with a membership survey to assist in planning content for webinars and make other continuing education recommendations. The committee will experiment with a short two-part series of webinars that focus on the various aspects of managing a teen space.

The committee will compile a report of findings regarding continuing education needs of the membership from the focus group and potentially a survey.

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 webinar selections will be posted in the newsletter. The committee will generate a short report on the focus group hosted at Symposium for the board to discuss. The committee will create a short survey for the board to review.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Share plans for any upcoming e-course or Snack/Chat sessions.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: At the moment, everyone is participating and sharing.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

**Stacey Shapiro (Dawn Kirkpatrick)**

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**Group:** Social Media and Marketing Committee

**Chair's Name:** Kirsten Caldwell

**Board Liaison:** Dawn Kirkpatrick

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: This group will be responsible for using social media to widely market YALSA selection lists (Amazing Audiobooks, Best Fiction for Young Adults, Great

Graphic Novels, Quick Picks, and others) for the current and previous years, and the Teens' Top Ten list, member recognition of volunteer efforts, and support for the YALSA Symposium and the Youth Media Awards events. The chair of the task force will work with the chair of the HUB and the selection list coordinators in this endeavor. This is a year-long, virtual opportunity with the option to renew for one year. Task force size: 5-7 members virtual members, including two co-chairs on a rotational basis. Term: One year, July 1-June 30 (chair-two years).

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the past three months, we have regained use of our Facebook page and are now posting regularly about the selection lists and the e-news on Twitter and Facebook. Our social media engagement has increased according to Hootsuite, and we shared the teen's top ten.

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? In the next three months, we will continue using social media to share the e-news and selected lists on Facebook and Twitter.

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 share information that the other committees share with us and so whatever we are asked to post about, we will.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Franklin would love us to post on Instagram as well, which we would be happy to do. However, we do not have access to the Instagram account.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I did receive my roster in the past couple of months and I was able to reach two willing members to help. The third I have not gotten in contact with them, but the selected list groups are not all regularly posting so that has been okay. I now have active participation from two members when previously, I was running the committee myself and that has been great.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

### **Melanie Wachsmann (Traci Glass)**

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**Group:** YALSA Hub

**Chair's Name:** Stephanie Johnson

**Board Liaison:** Melanie Wachsmann

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 library staff 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?

Unfortunately due the resignation of both my Board Liaison and Hub Advisory Board members within weeks of each other, I have continued the work of scheduling content for the Hub.

The one remaining member has been trained and is assisting with scheduling Hub content from the Selection List Committees and creating genre spotlights for the Hub.

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.: Resource Development



(toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? As my contract ends within the next 3 months the work plan is to follow up with YALSA Leadership and the Hub Advisory Board member regarding the transition of responsibilities to a new Hub Manager.

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 summary lists for the selection list committee nominations featured on the Hub.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Better organization and communication from YALSA executive leadership.

Follow up on leadership transition and chair leadership transition.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I notified my former Board Liaison and YALSA President of member resignations.

Additional Concerns or Comments: There was no notification about chair leadership changes from YALSA so it interfered with scheduling and following up on Hub content. I was only notified once new leaders reached out to let me know other chairs had resigned.

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

## Award Committees

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**Group:** Alex Award Committee

**Chair's Name:** Jane Gov

**Board Liaison:** Courtney Waters

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? We had several meetings to discuss nominations. The entire committee has discussed 48 titles. Publishers continue to send books. We have meetings scheduled in December and two in January.

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.: Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Committee members continue to review titles and submit requests for publishers to send. We will hold discussion meetings to discuss titles that have been pre-reviewed by at least two members. During meetings, we vote on which titles will move forward for consideration for nomination. Our January meetings will be about finalizing the ten winners and the official nominations list.

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.: 2

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

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**Group:** Margaret A Edwards Committee

**Chair's Name:** Dr. Joni Richards Bodart

**Board Liaison:** none

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

The Margaret A. Edwards Award, established in 1988, honors an author, as well as a specific body of his or her work, for significant and lasting contribution to young adult literature. The committee making its selection of nominees must be aware of the entire range of books for young adults and will take into account the following:

Does the book(s) help adolescents to become aware of themselves and to answer their questions about their role and importance in relationships, society and in the world?

Is the book(s) of acceptable literary quality?

Does the book(s) satisfy the curiosity of young adults and yet help them thoughtfully to build a philosophy of life?

Is the book(s) currently popular with a wide range of young adults in many different parts of the country.

Do the book or book(s) serve as a "window to the world" for young adults?

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

We have met on a monthly basis, and have narrowed our field down to three candidates. Recognizing the need for diversity in YA literature, we are pleased that two of the three author finalists are from diverse backgrounds, and their titles appeal teens who have not always seen their own diverse backgrounds represented in their literature. However, the authors' skill in worldbuilding and high quality writing skills were considered to be paramount, and all three authors excel in these areas.

We will be meeting later this month, and then plan to meet at least twice in December and January. The latter meetings will include taking care of the various housekeeping duties centered around announcing the winner. Most of the committee will not be attending Midwinter, and all information on the author and the books being honored will be submitted by the deadline for submissions. Any further information on how that information is to be formatted and then submitted would be most appreciated.

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 discussed these issues in our meetings.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We plan to read all the eligible titles by the finalists and select the winner and the books for which he is recognized.

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 results will be shared at the Youth Media Awards at Midwinter.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Just let me know precisely what you want in terms of submitting our final results.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Everyone showed up and worked hard.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

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**Group:** 2023 Morris Award

**Chair's Name:** Candice Wing-yee Mack

**Board Liaison:** Rachel Adams & Courtney Waters (Book Awards Oversight Committee)

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best literary debut from authors

writing for young adult readers, available in English in the United States during the preceding eligibility year, and, if warranted, to also select honor titles. The short list of finalists will be announced during the first week of December, with the winning title announced at the following ALA Midwinter Conference/ New January Event. The winner and honor authors will be recognized at an ALA or YALSA Conference

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee has been busy reading, evaluating and finalizing nominations.

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? Complete shortlist of Morris finalists and select debut winner, attend LibLearnX and celebrate the honorees and our work!

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 work with YALSA staff and ALA PR on announcing shortlist of Morris finalists and winners and promote Morris Award ceremony!

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? It would be great if the Morris manual could be updated to reflect that in-person attendance/meetings are no longer mandatory, as well as clarity around when the Morris Award Ceremony is so that committee members can make appropriate travel plans.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: A few committee members have missed 1 meeting each, most have attended all meetings.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

We are doing our best, but the pandemic and staffing shortages, as well as differing time zones and availability continue to impact how often we are able to meet as a committee and how much time our members are able to dedicate to committee work.

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

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**Group:** Non-Fiction for Teens Book Award

**Chair's Name:** Allison Gray

**Board Liaison:** Allie Stevens

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best nonfiction title published for young adults between Nov. 1 and Oct. 31 of the current 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 title announced at the following ALA Midwinter Meeting. The winners and honor authors will be recognized at an ALA or YALSA Conference.

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

We have met monthly and as of September bi-monthly, to discuss nominated titles. November 10 is the due date for the last of the two top 3 nominations from

each member. This will give us, when combined with the earlier Top 3, our discussion list for the prize. Members have been reading as much as possible and at least trying to keep up with the recommended titles.

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?

Our discussions on the 2nd Top 3 nominated list are on November 15. On Nov. 23, we discuss our entire list and vote until we have our Top 5 Titles. Then we write annotations for them and send them to YALSA by Dec. 5. After that, we spend December or January writing annotations for the titles on our

Recommended List and send them to YALSA by mid-January. we also vote until we get the winning title from our Top 5 List.

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? Will write press release for top 5 titles as per YALSA. will do social media blasts as well.

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 should let future members know that they will be making a commitment to do a good amount of reading. Several of our members started behind and never caught up. They just said they didn't have time to read. i tried to do whatever I could to help everyone at least read the nominated titles. Wasn't judgmental.

just encouraging and cheerleading.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

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**Group:** Odyssey

**Chair's Name:** Lynda Ane Salem Poling

**Board Liaison:** Susannah Goldstein

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best audiobooks produced for children (0-14) and young adults (12-18) available in English in the United States during the preceding eligibility year and, if warranted, to also select honor titles. One winner may be selected for each age category with a single honor list comprised of titles for both age categories. An audiobook is defined as a recording of a reading of a book. Audiobooks are unabridged recordings of an original print source that is available for institutional purchase. Audiobooks from Graphic novels should acknowledge that they have been modified and/or adapted to fit the audio format.

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

We have continued to listen to and evaluate audio books in preparation for deciding on award titles and honor books. The committee met to discuss nominated titles on October 30, 2022. We have gotten a higher number of submitted titles than usual; we have had to modify our evaluation process in order to make decisions on all of them.

YALSA and ALSC members were asked to submit their suggestions for Odyssey consideration. We recieved no member suggestions.

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: We are in the process of selecting our award winners and potential honor titles.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are completing our listening assignments, due November 28, 2022. Our next round of voting will be completed on December 10, 2022. We will vote on our top 10 titles from the final list of officially nominated titles in December and January, with a plan to meet before LibLearnX to finalize our voting list if needed. We are planning to meet at LibLearnX to finalize our winners and honor books.

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 winners and honor books will be announced at the YMA's on January 30, 2023.

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.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

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**Group:** Michael L. Printz Award

**Chair's Name:** Valerie Davis

**Liaison:** K.E. Hones

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? Member continue to nominate and cull through this years books.

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: The committee is not public till the awards but we are keeping EDI in our discussions of books

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? To continue nominating and finalizing our pics for award and honors.

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 award and honors

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.: We did have a member who was not participating in reading, meetings or nominations. I addressed it with the member and tried to come with remedies. I discussed it with my liaison and had asked after the member choose not to make any changes if they could be let go and in that time the member choose to leave of their own accord.

Additional Concerns or Comments: N/A

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

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**Group:** Pura Belpre Award Committee

**Chair's Name:** Diane Olivo-Posner

**Board Liaison:** Alena Rivers and Ana Cackley & (Kathie Meizner - PGC)

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To select annually a children's book published in the United States or Puerto Rico to recognize outstanding original works written or illustrated by a Latino/Latina author or illustrator that portrays, affirms and celebrates the Latino/Latina cultural experience.

To clarify the Pura Belpre selects three awards (Youth 0-14 /Young Adult 12-18/ Illustrator 0-18) plus

honors under each of these categories each year.

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

Continued to read books sent to committee members for the Pura Belpré Awards.

All committee members registered for the ALA LLX 2023 Conference.

October ballot selections sent to ALSC and YALSA Executive Directors at the end of October.

Next ballot selections are scheduled for late December.

Chair has set up virtual meetings for deliberations. Dec. 17 will be the next Pura Belpré Award Meeting.

January meetings include:

Jan. 10, Jan. 12, Jan. 15, Jan. 19, Jan. 22 and Jan. 28.

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

other:

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

Working independently reading submissions.

Submitting the December ballot toward end of December to the YALSA and ALSC Executive Directors.

Virtually meeting with entire committee on following dates: Dec 17, Jan 10, Jan 12, Jan 15, Jan 19, Jan 22 and at the ALA LLX Conference - Jan 28.

All members will be present at the Youth Media Awards on Monday, Jan. 30 in New Orleans.

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? Hope to be sharing the selection news at the Youth Media Awards on January 30, 2023.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Knowing where the deliberation meeting rooms were going to be held at LLX would have been nice to know for when booking hotels for conference. Assume the Headquarters -- but the hotel headquarters is not across from the Convention Center location.

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

Concerned that if awards are not selected before conference the committee will have to arrange to have books for deliberation sent ahead of time to a location where last meeting will be held. Issue is that Pura Belpré awards multiple winners (Youth, Young Adult and Illustration plus honors for each category).

It was hard to meet virtually because all members could not attend scheduled meetings (coming back from a pandemic - most members are not working from home and because some live on the East Coast or West Coast finding a time to all meet has been a challenge). Filling out a calendar Google Sheet we have been able to select one date in December and five in January to meet. I have made these meetings mandatory but if someone gets sick then we will have an issue and won't be able to deliberate.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

More communication and orientation for chairs would have been helpful-- to explain the various people the chair has to communicate with (Board Liaison, Priority Group Consultant (PGC), REFORMA Cultural Competency Consultant, Award Oversight Consultant). In the case of the Pura Belpré I have had to be in contact with both ALSC and YALSA and knowing who to email has been a challenge-- but I do want to say Alena Rivers, Courtney Waters, Kathie Meizner and Alicia Long have all been really helpful and patient with my various questions and concerns.

I would like information on selection process - I know in previous year AirTable was used and I have not received any information on how this will work for selection this year. Plus I know we have to submit Press Release information for each winner and have not received instruction on how to set that up--- I know in the case of Pura Belpré winners press release information, I believe needs to be submitted in both English and Spanish -- I also know working with REFORMA, YALSA and ALSC is on the horizon for the Pura Belpré Award Celebración as part of the Annual Convention in June.

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

## Blogging Teams

**E-Mail:** [blue@portlib.org](mailto:blue@portlib.org)

**Group:** Great Graphic Novels for Teens

**Chair's Name:** Kelley Blue

**Board Liaison:**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To prepare an annual annotated list of recommended graphic novels appropriate for teen readers.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We continued to meet monthly to discuss titles officially nominated and seconded. Committee members continued to read, nominate, second, and otherwise review eligible titles. Members continued to regularly submit blog posts as scheduled by YALSA. The chair continued to manage workflow and coordinate blog and social media posts as directed. The chair checked in with committee members at least once a week via email, and answered additional questions from members and publishers as they came in. We agreed to our meeting dates for the rest of the calendar year in order to successfully vote on a final list and top ten selection by the end of the calendar year.

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: Many of our members are struggling with material challenges and other current issues related to library work. We support each other as a group, discuss best practices, and help one another advocate for graphic novels in schools and libraries.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? All remaining blog posts are scheduled and assigned. We have one final meeting in November to discuss nominated titles, then we will meet twice in December to vote on the general list and the top ten. The nomination form for Great Graphic Novels is now closed. Members are focused on catching up with previously nominated titles they have not read in order to prepare themselves for voting. Subsequent volumes in ongoing series will be discussed via email throughout the work week so that we can focus on standalone and first volume books in our live discussions. Many members are eagerly awaiting to hear if they will be reappointed to the committee next year, and we are already tracking titles for official nomination for the 2024 list for those who will continue to serve on the committee.

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 submit blogs and social media posts for the Hub and Twitter.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? It would be helpful for chairs to have an updated org chart of who at YALSA is in charge of which committee functions so that we know who to contact about certain questions or issues. Committee members who applied to serve another year on the committee are eager to hear if they will be reappointed. I reported back to them after hearing from Erin that the volunteer application is still open, but if you haven't already, please consider sending a follow up message to people who have applied and/or posting a message to ALA Connect about the status of volunteer applications so that folks know it is still a work in progress.

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

haven't had any major issues. Folks communicate on the rare occasion that they won't be able to make discussions and understand that they need to keep up with their notes on nominated titles if they are unable to make a meeting. I have one member who has recently dropped off all communication and hasn't done any of the reading this month; I will check in with them this week via email.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Per the question below. - I last communicated with my board liaison on June 17, 2022. She wasn't aware that she was my board liaison - another reason why I think we need to share an org chart and maybe role descriptions. I haven't contacted her for any help recently - are we supposed to communicate on a regular basis?

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