

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call
1:00 – 2:30 PM (Eastern) August 8, 2007**

Topic: RBA: Establish a New Discussion Group

Background: Amy Cheney is requesting the establishment of a new YALSA Discussion Group that would focus on serving incarcerated teens.

Action Required: Action

Petition to form a new Discussion Group:

Purpose for group: Discuss issues unique to librarians working with incarcerated youth. This includes youth in juvenile halls, group homes, treatment centers, mental institutions, etc. The group will address issues such as working within several systems with differing values (Probation, Library, School Departments, Social Services), issues of censorship within a structure that may or may not acknowledge ALA or guidelines, issues of providing services to youth with mental health issues, serious criminal charges, etc.

Rationale for existence: Serving incarcerated teens presents unique issues and dilemmas for librarians. Many of these youth have no access to technology or hardback books, books on tape, etc due to security or other concerns. Many have adult interests and experiences but read from preschool to adult levels.

Unfortunately, more and more states are incarcerating teens... and fortunately, more and more libraries are providing services to incarcerated teens. Partnerships were begun with ALA's Great Stories CLUB; this group will be a resource to keep those partnerships going, start new partnerships and a general network of people on whom to rely for guidance and support. This group would benefit not just librarians who are positioned inside detention centers or whose primary job is outreach, but also those who are doing it above and beyond their primary position.

How the group differs from other YALSA groups: The Outreach Committee serves all types of teens and YA-urban focuses on issues at branch libraries in urban settings. Discussion on the traditional YALSA listservs does not have the focus of partnerships or of reaching this specific population.

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