

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, Dallas
January 20 - 24, 2012**

Topic: JRLYA Editor Annual Report

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

Action Required: Consent

JRLYA Editor's Report

Submitted by Sandra Hughes-Hassell
December 9, 2011

Overview of Journal

The *Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults* is published four times a year by the [Young Adult Library Services Association](#) in November, February, May, and August. Its purpose is to enhance the development of theory, research, and practices to support young adult library services.

Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults promotes and publishes high quality original research concerning the informational and developmental needs of young adults; the management, implementation, and evaluation of library services for young adults; and other critical issues relevant to librarians who work with young adults. The journal also includes literary and cultural analysis of classic and contemporary writing for young adults.

As the online, open-access, peer-reviewed journal of the Young Adult Library Services Association, *Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults* distributes major research findings worldwide through electronic publication. The primary audience for *Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults* includes academics, public librarians, school library media specialists, and secondary school educators who advocate for young adults and strive to support their developmental and educational needs.

Purpose and Scope of the Journal

- To serve as a vehicle for disseminating research of interest to librarians, library workers and academics who focus on library service to young adults, ages 12 through 18.

- To provide researchers with a respected vehicle for publishing research of interest to professionals who focus on library services to young adults.
- To serve as the official research publication of the association, including but not limited to publishing annotated lists of recent research from YALSA's Research Committee, Henne Award winning research and papers from YALSA's biennial Young Adult Literature Symposium.
- The scope of the journal includes all aspects of library services to young adults at every level and for all types of libraries.

Updates

1. The Summer and Fall issues of the journal of have been published.
 - a. The Summer issue contained one paper and the posters from the Research Committee's Poster session at ALA Annual 2011.
 - b. The Fall issue served as a forum for introducing the updated YALSA Research Agenda to the research community. Don Latham (Chair of the research committee) provided an overview of the agenda. The advisory board members wrote short provocative pieces to stimulate readers to act on the research agenda.
2. There continues to be a persistent lack of quality submissions. In an attempt to get more and better submissions, the theme for the Winter issue is the "Best of the Best." We have invited several leaders in the youth services field to contribute. The Spring issue will be a themed issue as well. Our goal is to raise the visibility and credibility of the journal with the hope of encouraging more quality submissions.