

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Seattle, WA
January 19-24, 2007**

Topic: Reports from Committee and Task Force Chairs

Background: Committee Chairs were asked to submit a report of what work they've accomplished since Annual.

Action Required: Discussion

COMMITTEE NAME = YALSA 50

CHAIR = Arnold/Jeffrey/Wendt

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To develop an overall theme and to work with YALSA committees and the YALSA office to coordinate, plan and carry out a yearlong celebration of YALSA's 50th Anniversary.

ACCOMPLISHED =

1. working with President on legislative initiative to declare 2007 the Year of the Young Adult Reader
2. developing member feedback surveys for YAttitudes
3. Midwinter conference activities include kickoff celebration at Joint Youth reception 1/22; Friends of YALSA fundraising bookmark giveaways; distribution of 50th Anniversary badge seals to all members at all-committee and other meetings; introduction of recognition proclamation at ALA Council meeting by YALSA Councilor
4. worked with staff to plan Printz Award focus for Booklist Forum at Annual
5. with staff, began to solicit YA award-winning authors for author breakfast at Annual; authors to read at Public Programs stage during annual conference
6. with Publications committee, prepare book from Neal-Schuman on 50 Tech Programs for Teens
7. consolidated plans for *SLJ* February article; BookExpo Day of Dialogue panel; American Libraries cover feature
8. with Judy Nelson, create an anniversary t-shirt for sale
9. with staff support, distributed YALSA literature, listserv and online CE course information at NCTE conference, along with 50th Anniversary seals worn by YALSA members at ALAN workshop
10. still soliciting input from Gaming Interest group for 50 gaming tips to either distribute at Midwinter institute and/or place on website for Teen Tech Week
11. posted on YALSA blog and created initial response pages on YALSA50 wiki
12. developed set of YALSA leader interview questions and list of leaders to talk with for YALSA website

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- 13. working with Legislative Committee on advocacy toolkit for members
- 14. working with IF committee to develop list of challenged materials for 50 Years of Reading Freely section of website

TERM WORK = Editors of online newsletter and journal to be included in 50th Anniversary promotion for each issue in 2007

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Outreach to key partners (AASL; ALSC; NCTE; ALA; publishers; “Unshelved;” *Booklist*; *SLJ*; *VOYA*)
Publication (both print and electronic)

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, parents, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = Member Grace Riario was asked to consider virtual membership rather than resign from the committee; we have yet to receive her confirmation; left a voicemail message for her on 12/11 as follow-up to several emails; Grace is in charge of the leader interviews for print and podcast

Still having some difficulty in getting committee responses in timely fashion on distribution list.

COMMITTEE NAME = AAAS SB&F Prize Task Force (High School)

CHAIR = Angela Leeper

EMAIL = angela.leeper@earthlink.net

FUNCTION STATEMENT = The AAAS SB&F Prize Task Force (High School) selects an outstanding science book for high school students based on the criteria designated by AAAS and SB&F.

ACCOMPLISHED = The librarians on the task force narrowed down the reading selections to four finalists in October. The scientists were added to the discussion of the finalists. On December 4th, the librarians and scientists selected the winning title, *Tigerland and Other Unintended Destinations* by Eric Dinerstein.

TERM WORK = None

ACTION AREA = advocacy, continuous learning

STRATEGIES = outreach, collaboration

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Educators

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = YA Advocacy Task Force

CHAIR = Ma'lis Wendt

EMAIL = mwendt@nypl.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To help plan and carry out YALSA's upcoming "@ Your Library Campaign," which will be launched in 2007, and in conjunction with the national campaign to educate and inform the general public about the vital role libraries and librarians plan in youth development and teen literacy, and to provide YALSA members and library staff with tools and resources to do the same in their communities.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1) Rollie Welch reworked and edited the article drafted by Charli Osborne for the Fall issue of *YALS* -- "YALSA's Advocacy Task Force"-- see page 4.
2) The survey we drafted was sent out to YALSA members this fall and 234 people responded. We have been reviewing the results via email correspondence.

TERM WORK = Nothing as of now -- but we will have more as we get the @your library campaign going.

ACTION AREA = advocacy

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, parents, colleagues, youth development organizations

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CONCERNS = We are still working on how to format YALSA's campaign. I will be attending the Advocacy Institute in Seattle and will gather ideas there. The committee's ideas are beginning to come together, but we're not there yet.

COMMITTEE NAME = Alex Awards

CHAIR = Terry Beck

EMAIL = tbeck@sno-isle.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = The charge of this committee is to select from the previous year's publications ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18. If ten suitable candidates cannot be selected in a given year, the number of awards can be less than ten.

ACCOMPLISHED = We're reading, reading, reading. We've done several straw polls to focus our attention on possible nominations.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = marketing, continuous learning

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication, conference program

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, parents, colleagues

CONCERNS = Not a concern, just a thank you: We've had a phenomenal response from publishers this year: over 78% of the titles that we requested were sent to us. Part of this is due to our great administrative assistant, Judy Sasges. But I think that the ALEX Award announcement at the Monday Press Conference has done great things for our visibility. Many thanks to everyone for making that happen!

COMMITTEE NAME = Anime Discussion Group (ALA Online Community)

CHAIR = Dora Ho - Convenor

EMAIL = doraho@yahoo.com

FUNCTION STATEMENT = The purpose of the Anime Discussion Group is to discuss issues relating to anime and to develop and disseminate best practices in collections, programming, and related topics in the popularity of anime and its affects on teens. Regularly share good program practices and successful anime events as well as making anime title recommendation to the group.

ACCOMPLISHED = The discussion group was established on ALA Community on July 21, 2006. Currently, we have 37 registered participants of the group. The Discussion Forum is divided into 3 major categories of areas:

- 1) Collection Development
- 2) Programs
- 3) Issues related to Anime

Under each area, we have different discussion topics, numbers of replies, and how many times each topic is being viewed by participants.

Here are the statistics so far:

- 1) Collection Development
 - a) Classic titles - 2 topics, 7 replies, 41 views
 - b) Latest/Popular titles - 1 topic, 6 replies, 43 views
 - c) Books on anime - 1 topic, 0 replies, 7 views
- 2) Programs
 - a) Success - 2 topics, 8 replies, 27 views
- 3) Issues
 - a) Rating - 1 topic, 8 replies, 47 views

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = continuous learning

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

CONCERNS = We probably need more publicity on the discussion group so that we will have more participations.

COMMITTEE NAME = Selected Audiobooks for Young Adults

CHAIR = Sharon Grover

EMAIL = sharon.grover@yahoo.com

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To select, annotate, and present for publication an annual list of notable audio recordings significant to young adults from those released in the past two years.

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee has listened to many audiobooks submitted by a variety of audiobook publishers and has a final list of nominations numbering 74 titles. Committee members have also discussed titles via the committee listserv. Committee members have involved teens in listening to and evaluating audiobooks submitted for consideration for the 2007 selected list. Committee members have been involved in training for librarians and educators on the efficacy of listening to audiobooks as a means of increasing literacy and reading skills. Committee members have developed plans for posting teen reviews of audiobooks to library websites.

TERM WORK = The committee chair, in conjunction with YALSA members Pam Spencer Holley and Francisca Goldsmith, created an annotated list of 75 great audiobooks for teens to be published by YALSA for Teen Tech Week.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, colleagues

CONCERNS = The 2007 committee recommends that more meeting time be allotted for discussion of audiobooks at the Annual Conference. This committee also needs to have an administrative assistant. Much of the chair's time is taken up with contacting audiobook publishers and a member of the committee has been keeping track of submissions and straw votes in a table that is updated monthly. The chair has been creating the nominations lists posted to the website and editing the annotations for brevity and clarity. It would be a great help if some of this work could be done by an administrative assistant who did not have the same listening responsibilities as committee members. Additionally, it is critical to change the time for final nominations from the currently listed (but not followed) October 31 date. Audiobook publishing schedules and the fact that no "advance" copies are available means that the publishers have, for the past two years, been able to submit audiobooks to the committee through October 31. This is necessary to insure that each year's list is not made up almost entirely of "old" titles. The committee then needs time to listen to the many late fall submissions. A more appropriate date for final nominations would be December 10. I have submitted a request to the YALSA Board for this change (although this may just be a procedure, in which case you can choose not to bring it before the Board).

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COMMITTEE NAME = Baker & Taylor Award Jury Committee

CHAIR = Patsy Weeks

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = Select the winners of the Baker & Taylor Award grant. The two grants of \$1,000 each are awarded to librarians who work directly with young adults in either a public or school library to enable them to attend the Annual Conference for the first time.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1. Publicized the award through various appropriate listservs and through state library organizations.
2. Began a discussion of compiling criteria or developing a rating system for evaluating the applicants.

TERM WORK = None for now

ACTION AREA = marketing, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = All youth organizations of ALA
All state library associations
All appropriate listservs

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program

STRATEGIES OTHER = This does not belong here, but it is where the cut and paste ended up.

Marketing: increase communications to targeted YALSA member prospects

Continuous Learning: increase visibility of YALSA as a resource for continuing education

Association Sustainability: increase members

PARTNERS = educators, media, colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Best Books for Young Adults

CHAIR = Karyn Silverman

EMAIL = ksilverman@lrei.org

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To select from the year's publications, significant adult and young adult books; to annotate the selected titles.

ACCOMPLISHED = Since Annual, 130 additional books have been nominated, bringing the total to 232. Nominations closed on 11/15, and the committee has completed one straw poll since then; additional straw polls will follow between now and Midwinter. For the most part, committee members focused on reading and nominating.

TERM WORK = Press Release will be created after final vote at Mid Winter.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, continuous learning

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Youth, educators

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, colleagues

CONCERNS = A nomination for a title from Canada raised the issue of unclear publication guidelines. The Policies and Procedures imply that the date of first publication of a title, no matter where the book is published, dictates eligibility for BBYA. In actuality, first US publication or distribution date has always been used. A request for a language clarification has been submitted to the board to clear up any future confusion.

COMMITTEE NAME = Book Wholesalers Inc/YALSA Collection Development Grant

CHAIR = Jennifer Duffy

EMAIL = jduffy@kcls.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To award \$1000 for collection development to YALSA members who represent a public library and who work directly with young adults ages 12 to 18. Up to two grants will be awarded annually.

ACCOMPLISHED = As a newly formed committee, we are just getting introduced to our mission and each other.

TERM WORK = Nothing at this point...

ACTION AREA = advocacy, continuous learning

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STRATEGIES OUTREACH = We are advocating for both stronger collections in teen services as well as recognition for enthusiastic professionals who are looking to improve public services to teens.

STRATEGIES = outreach, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = YALSA Division and Membership Promotion

CHAIR = Erin Helmrich

EMAIL = helmriche@aadl.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To develop and pursue an aggressive and continuous campaign to recruit and retain members for the Young Adults Library Services Association, to promote the Association to our professional colleagues and to key partners as defined in the YALSA Strategic Plan.

ACCOMPLISHED = Members of the committee shared virtual "biographies" with each other and learned about their various experiences in YALSA and beyond. Other than this not much needs to be done between annual and midwinter - since much of our work involves preparing for and staffing the YALSA book at annual.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, association sustainability

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = outreach, conference program

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, media, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Editorial Advisory Board

CHAIR = Carol Marlowe

EMAIL = cimarlowe@mindspring.com

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To serve as advisor to the editors of YALS and YAttitudes on the content of the journal and newsletter by assisting with soliciting contributors and articles and generating ideas for topical or theme issues when requested from the editor(s), and by reviewing scholarly submissions to the publications.

ACCOMPLISHED = The Editorial Advisory Board continued to provide ideas for articles for both YAttitudes and YALS, in particular the committee generated ideas possible articles on reader's advisory and Teen Read Week.

Amy Alessio, editor of YAttitudes, asked us to evaluate this "journal" for structure and content and provide her with feedback that the committee has completed but will continue to evaluate as articles are published.

Additionally, EAB reviewed two research articles for Valerie Ott YALS editor. The articles were "The Borderland Age and Borderline Books: The Early Practice of Youth Readers' Advisory" by Jennifer Burek Pierce and "A Closer Look at Bibliotherapy" by Jami Jones. Our next projects are to examine ways to connect the YALSA Blog with YAttitudes and to begin to create a list of suggested guidelines for the next YAttitudes editor and for the application. As chair of EAB I have started talking to Amy Alessio, our Board liaison and editor of YAttitudes about these topics and have recently sent out a request for ideas to the committee.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, research

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS = I realize that EAB was established for an initial two period but I feel it should be continued because having an external advisory board that can do peer review of research articles (which we need to encourage since research is included in the YALSA Strategic Plan) and having method for providing topics for journal articles lessens the burden of the Publication Committee and editors of the YALSA journals. Perhaps, EAB's focus and purpose needs refinement and its existence needs to better communicate to other committees and individuals so they have an avenue to communicate ideas they have for articles and possible writers. We could create a "clearinghouse" for the editors of the various journals,

newsletters and blogs for possible topics and suggested authors perhaps through the YALSA Blog or an online community.

COMMITTEE NAME = Financial Advancement Committee

CHAIR = Mary Arnold

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = Offer support and assistance to YALSA's fiscal officer as requested, including attending BARC meetings as appropriate; oversee implementation and continued growth of Friends of YALSA, including development of a recognition program for individuals, organizations and vendors who donate funds, and provide suggestions for other viable revenue-generating ventures to the YALSA Board.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1. FOY: worked with staff and Board to update solicitation letters (electronic and mail) for current FOY renewals; general membership invitation email; include fiscal year dates on FOY page.
2. FOY: contributing areas of support and activity to Fiscal Officer for FOY 50th Anniversary bookmark for Midwinter/Annual and other YALSA-sponsored workshops and activities; promote FOY on YALSA blog and midwinter wiki
3. FOY: brainstormed solicitation approaches for partner organizations, vendors
4. FOY: utilized distribution list to suggest recognition strategies, including podcasts and interviews on webpage during 50th anniversary year; use ALA Graphics READ poster technology to highlight Platinum, Gold and Silver members; ongoing updates for FOY supporters that highlight success stories in the areas they targeted for support; star shapes with FOY names in wall of fame at Annual conference.
5. FOY: tie reminders of FOY to YAttitudes and YALS articles on activities and initiatives that advance YALSA strategic plan
6. continue follow-up with Fiscal Officer on ideas generated by the Fundraising for Non-Profits workshop, particularly the importance of ongoing renewals of support, setting leader expectations for levels of support and looking into planned giving.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, association sustainability

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = AASL, ALSC, publishers and vendors, retired members and former leaders

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program

STRATEGIES OTHER = have FOY bookmark at all YALSA-sponsored programs and activities in 2007

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PARTNERS = educators, media, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = with the upgrade from Task Force to Committee, will current members' terms be automatically extended (the original TF charge included recommending permanent committee status, and the TF members' terms were to end January 2007)?

COMMITTEE NAME = 1st Author Task Force

CHAIR = Ann C. Theis

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = Function statement: To develop the policies and procedures for a new YALSA committee that will annually select a First Time YA Author Award that will be funded by the Morris endowment and offered for the first time in 2008; to develop criteria for the First Time YA Author Award; to create a proposal according to the ALA Awards Manual guidelines for the new award for YALSA Board's consideration; and to submit the proposal no later than Midwinter 2007, with a progress report at Annual 2006.
Task Force size: 5-7 members

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee has worked hard to prepare a draft for board review at Midwinter. Committee members were responsible for writing portions of the draft, which were then reviewed and voted on by the entire committee. While there was a general consensus about most points in the draft, several were open to collegial discussion and may require Board input. I would like to commend members for their thoughtful and professional work on this project.

Some issues are still unresolved and will be discussed at the All Committee Meeting. Details are noted in the draft that will be sent to the Board.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, parents, colleagues, youth dev orgs

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Great Book Giveaway

CHAIR = Caryn Sipos

EMAIL = caryn@tigard-or.gov

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To judge the applications for the YALSA Great Book Giveaway Award.

ACCOMPLISHED = Members have been appraised of the judging criteria and are ready to work!

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = conference program

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Great Graphic Novels for Teens

CHAIR = Dawn Rutherford

EMAIL = drutherf@kcls.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To prepare an annual annotated list of recommended graphic novels appropriate for teen readers.

ACCOMPLISHED = Our Policies and Procedures have been finalized. 140 titles have been nominated for our first list. Online discussions have included reissues, suitability of particular titles, and current issues related to graphic novels. Snow Wildsmith is heading up a sub-committee planning a program for Annual showcasing our new list with booktalks, to be blocked together with a PLA program on graphic novels. We are also putting together a list of 50 great graphic series and individual titles to be shared as part of the YALSA anniversary celebration.

TERM WORK = Our first list will come out in January 2007.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, media, colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Henne Jury Award Committee

CHAIR = Jami L. Jones

EMAIL = jonesj@ecu.edu

FUNCTION STATEMENT = The function statement of the Committee is: Judge applications for the YALSA Frances Henne/VOYA Research Grant.

ACCOMPLISHED = We are a new committee and come together to select the Henne award.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = research

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Intellectual Freedom Committee

CHAIR = Kathleen Krepps

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To serve as a liaison between the division and the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom and all other groups within the Association concerned with intellectual Freedom; to advise the division on matters pertaining to the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the ALA Library Bill of Rights and their implications to library service to young adults, and to make recommendations to the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom for changes in policy on issues involving library service to young adults; to prepare and gather materials which will advise the young adult librarian of available services and support for resisting local pressure and community action designed to impair the rights of young adult users.

ACCOMPLISHED = Established a firm commitment to update the IF web page to ensure that it provides a full range of materials advocating the right of every young adult to freely access information and supports the efforts of every librarian faced with problems related to information access for young adults.

The committee also established the official groundwork for changing the page by first obtaining permission from Melanie A. Kimball, Chair of the YALSA Professional Development Committee which provides the link to the IF page, to edit the current content of the IF web page. Second, IF communicated with Nicole Gilbert, the ALA web master, to make sure she would be willing to post the changes. Third, we investigated whether or not the page could be moved to a more visible location on the YALSA web site and determined that the page could not be moved.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, research, continuous learning

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Legislation

CHAIR = Don Latham

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To serve as a liaison between the ALA Legislation Committee and YALSA and with other ALA youth groups and units interested in serving this age range, to inform and instruct librarians working with young adults of pending legislation,

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particularly that which affects young adults, to encourage the art of lobbying; and to recommend to the YALSA Board endorsement or revision of legislation affecting young adults which might be proposed or supported by the ALA Legislation Committee.

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee developed the document “Advocacy Tips for YALSA Members” in response to the pending legislative action on DOPA. Two members attending ALA’s online workshop "Messaging and Talking with Congress: An Interactive Workshop,” and wrote a review of the workshop that was then posted on the YALSA blog. The committee is currently working on a draft of a resolution asking that Congress designate 2007 or 2008 as the Year of Teen Reading.

TERM WORK = None at this time.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, continuous learning

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = media, colleagues

CONCERNS = None at this time.

COMMITTEE NAME = Local Arrangements/Washington 2007

CHAIR = Diane P. Monnier

EMAIL = diane.monnier@montgomerycountymd.gov

FUNCTION STATEMENT =

ACCOMPLISHED = Full Committee has been appointed and is waiting for instructions on duties related to the upcoming annual conference.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = marketing, association sustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = 2007 Midwinter Institute Taskforce

CHAIR = Carrie Bryniak

EMAIL = bryniak@hcplonline.info

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To plan and implement an Institute at ALA's 2007 Midwinter Meeting that addresses a current issue in YA Librarianship, and to present a progress report, including possible topics for the Institute, to the Executive Committee by April 2006.

ACCOMPLISHED = We have finalized the speakers, written an article for YAttitudes promoting the Taskforce and the Institute. We have also finalized the schedule, added a small poster session on the Executive Committee's recommendation. Everything is in line for the preconference program on Jan. 19th. We have also partnered with the Advocacy Institute to provide a panel discussion during lunch for our attendees. Mary Hastler has successfully made contact and agreements with different gaming companies for our Gaming Reception in the evening!

TERM WORK = A post Institute article might be helpful for those unable to attend.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, continuous learning

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Partnering with other divisions seems a viable option, along with publicizing the event with colleagues!!

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Nominating Committee

CHAIR = Jessica Mize

EMAIL = jessmize@gmail.com

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To prepare the slate for annual elections of YALSA Officers and directors and in so doing, provide for representation of types of libraries, special interest, and geographical locations of the division membership.

ACCOMPLISHED = Committee members have been contacted and have responded to initial e-mail. Our term does not begin until February though.

TERM WORK =

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

CONCERNS = Jennifer Hubert contacted me and mentioned that she will not be at mid-winter, so I am wondering what if anything I need to do in her absence, as I will have to schedule around Printz discussions.

CHAIR = Jennifer Hubert

EMAIL = jhubert@lrei.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To prepare the slate of candidates for the annual election of YALSA officers and directors, the Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee, and the Michael L. Printz Award Committee, in accordance with the YALSA By-Laws, Article VIII, Section I.

ACCOMPLISHED = Since Annual in New Orleans, Nominating has completed their construction of the Spring 2007 ballot, service to start in 2008. The completed ballot will be presented to the YALSA Board at Midwinter 2007 in Seattle.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, association sustainability

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Odyssey Award

CHAIR = Mary Burkey

EMAIL = mburkey@columbus.rr.com

FUNCTION STATEMENT = The ALSC/Booklist/YALSA Odyssey Award for Excellence in Audiobook Production shall be awarded annually to the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults.

ACCOMPLISHED = Although the Odyssey Award committee will not begin work until after Mid-Winter 2007, we have set the groundwork for the award's first year. Committee members from both YALSA & ALSC have been appointed. Nicole Gilbert of YALSA has created a Sympa mailgroup for the committee. Members have verified shipping addresses, email addresses, joined the Sympa group, received copies of the award criteria, shared personal introductions via email, and learned the history of the Odyssey Award task force. The chair has arranged for an informal lunch for incoming committee members who are attending Mid-Winter. The chair has been in contact with division leadership to clarify submission questions. ALSC has approved language change to the award charge, removing the phrase "during the preceding year" and the chair has requested a similar motion from YALSA. YALSA & ALSC have created web presences for the award of their sites. ALSC has coordinated publicity releases and requests for submissions.

TERM WORK = Nicole Gilbert (YALSA) & Laura Schulte-Cooper (ALSC) have released this PR piece:

YALSA and ALSC announce Odyssey Award for best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults

CHICAGO - The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the fastest growing division of the American Library Association (ALA), and the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), administrator of the prestigious Caldecott and Newbery Medals, among other awards, are pleased to announce the Odyssey Award, a new award for the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults. The award, which will debut at ALA's Midwinter Meeting in 2008, is sponsored by Booklist magazine and administered by YALSA and ALSC.

"With teens downloading music, podcasts and e-books in record numbers, this is the perfect time to announce the Odyssey Award for best annual youth audiobook," said YALSA President Judy Nelson. "As authorities in selecting young adult books, YALSA is excited to be working with such prestigious organizations as ALSC and Booklist."

"A little over a decade ago, unabridged spoken-word versions of children's books were a rarity," said ALSC President Kathleen T. Horning. "The Harry Potter audiobooks really helped to popularize this medium for children and raised it to an art form. The Odyssey Award will set the standard for excellence, pointing children and teens toward the very best in audiobooks."

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A committee that consists of ALSC and YALSA members will select the award. The 2008 award will represent the best audiobook released in 2007.

"We're very excited to be sponsoring the Odyssey Award," said Booklist Editor and Publisher Bill Ott. "It's the perfect complement both to our ongoing sponsorship of YALSA's Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in young adult literature and to the magazine's commitment to coverage of the increasingly important audiobook field."

For nearly 50 years, YALSA has been the world leader in selecting books, videos, and audiobooks for teens. For more information about YALSA or for lists of recommended reading, viewing and listening, go to www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists, or contact the YALSA office by phone, 800-545-2433, ext. 4390; or e-mail: yalsa@ala.org.

Originally established in 1956 as the Children's Library Association, ALSC leads the way in forging excellent library service for all children by supporting the profession of children's librarianship through education, advocacy and collaboration. For more information about ALSC awards, projects and events, visit www.ala.org/alsc, or contact the ALSC office at 800-545-2433, ext. 2163, alsc@ala.org.

For more than 100 years, Booklist has been the librarian's leading choice for reviews of the latest books and (more recently) electronic media. For more information about Booklist and Booklist Online visit www.booklistonline.com or contact Bill Ott, Editor and Publisher, at bott@ala.org or 800-545-2433, ext. 5717.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, research, continuous learning

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Organization & Bylaws

CHAIR = Shannan Sword

EMAIL = slsword@gmail.com

FUNCTION STATEMENT = 1. To revise the Bylaws in order to clarify them and, when necessary, to recommend revision and amendment to improve them for the effective management of the Division, for the achievement of its state objectives, and to keep them in harmony with the ALA Constitution and Bylaws.

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2. To study and review committee functions, recommending changes in committee structure, to advise on the organization manual, and to make recommendations on other organizational matters.

ACCOMPLISHED =

- The new committee chair spent time acquiring all the past files from the previous chair and acclimating.
- One of the committee members resigned due to health difficulties and in conversation with Judy Nelson, the chair agreed to accept a virtual member as a replacement.
- We discussed and approved the final version of the "Great Graphic Novels" committee's policies and procedures.
- We discussed and approved the language of section 1 of the YALSA handbook's "Conflict of Interest" policy and submitted it to be posted.
- We discussed and approved the final revision of the "AASL/ALSC/YALSA Joint Committee on School/Public Library Cooperation" committee charge and responsibilities document.
- We are clarifying the new duties of the "Publisher's Liaison" committee.
- As a result of a request from the Fall Executive meeting Organization and Bylaws has begun working on clarifying and cleaning up the consistency of language in the YALSA Handbook.

TERM WORK = n/a

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, research, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Outreach to Young Adults with Special Needs

CHAIR = Lisa Youngblood

EMAIL = lyoungblood@harkerheights.com

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To address the needs of young adults who do not or cannot use the library because of socioeconomic, legal, educational, or physical factors; to serve as a liaison between these groups and their service providers, and to identify and promote library programs, resources and services that meet the special needs of these populations; to promote the Sagebrush Award for a Young Adult Reading or Literature Program and solicit applications; and to select annually, when a suitable winner is indicated, the recipient.

ACCOMPLISHED = From July to December 2006, the Outreach To Young Adults with Special Needs Committee worked primarily in four major areas to support outreach services to young adults. Those four major areas were the writing of an article for YAttitudes, the support of the Sagebrush Award, the continued support of non-committee individuals seeking advice on outreach to young adults, and the investigation and discussion of technology related outreach for a possible upcoming conference presentation.

When the committee met in New Orleans in June of 2006, the members believed that the committee would continue to handle the awarding of the Sagebrush Award. Because the award recognizes excellence in young adult services and provides financial assistance to deserving librarians who wish to further their education through conference attendance, the committee determined set support of the award as a priority for our late summer and fall 2006 activities. Though an award jury was later appointed to handle the publicity and the eventual scoring and awarding of the honor, the Outreach committee continued to assist with the this endeavor. Outreach members contacted past members and wrote an informal release that described the award and encouraged YALSA members to apply. That release was submitted to a variety of national and local listservs and newsletters. Members also utilized the YALSA blog to further publicize the award. The Outreach committee also mentioned the award in an article about the Outreach committee that appeared in YAttitudes in fall 2006.

The Outreach committee members also publicized the work of the committee in the article that appeared in YAttitudes in fall 2006. That article briefly discussed the purpose of the committee and generated interest in past committee activities such as the Great Books CLUB and the Sagebrush Award.

Throughout the fall the Outreach committee continued to support non-committee members' requests for information and advice. Several individuals, one of whom was not a YALSA member, sought assistance with reading lists for underserved teens and additional information about the Great Books CLUB and services for incarcerated young adults. Such assistance promotes excellence and innovation in young adult services while it provides assurance that YALSA is a networking hub for young adult services.

Last, the Outreach committee embarked upon the investigation and discussion of outreach to young adults through technology. Currently the Outreach committee members are compiling lists of best practices as well as new innovations for outreach to young adults. The committee hopes to uncover innovative programs and services for incarcerated and other underserved youth. The committee anticipates that this investigation will result in a conference program and a related article.

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TERM WORK = At this time the Outreach committee is not prepared to publish any findings. At the midwinter convention, the committee plans to discuss several publishing options such as list of the top 50 partners for young adults outreach services. The committee is continuing to investigate possibilities for the publication of additional information about the Great Books CLUB and sees a future publication of compiled information about utilizing technologies for outreach to young adults.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

CHAIR = Diane Emge Colson

EMAIL = demge2@aol.com

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To encourage young adults to read for pleasure by presenting to them lists of popular or topical titles which are widely available in paperback and which represent a broad variety of accessible themes and genres.

ACCOMPLISHED = We continued to nominate titles for our four topical lists. By the time nominations closed at the beginning of November, we had 44 titles nominated for Religion, 40 titles nominated for Humor, 49 titles nominated for Get Creative, and 39 titles nominated for Nonfiction. Each committee member is assigned to two of the lists, and responsible for reading all of the nominated titles. We each compiled lists of our Top 10, Bottom 5 choices for our assigned lists.

Our administrative assistant, Alison Hendon, contacted all of the publishers who had books nominated for the list, and most of them responded with copies for committee members. We also lost one of our members, Jennifer Sommers, and a former PPYA member, Caryn Sipos, agreed to assume her place.

TERM WORK = I know that there has been some interest in a Quick Picks/Popular Paperbacks book. If I am not assigned to a committee for next year, I might be able to take on that task. I sent an article on Popular Paperbacks to School Library Journal, but have not received a response.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, research, association sustainability

Advocacy

Increase advocacy tools for YALSA members, especially the first strategy about creating "talking points" for YALSA members to use when giving presentations. (Topical lists of popular YA works.)

Research

Increase communication and collaboration with other ALA research entities and activities. (Promote the usefulness of topical lists for school librarians, as reached by School Library Journal article - hopefully!)

Association Sustainability

Increase membership, especially by member-only access to the finished lists with annotations.

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, parents, colleagues

CONCERNS = This is such a wonderful committee that suffers only from lack of exposure to the greater library community. Perhaps another member perk could be that each topical booklist is formatted as a bookmark to be downloaded and printed for use in individual libraries and by teachers.

COMMITTEE NAME = YALSA Preconference Planning

CHAIR = Ty Burns and Walter Mayes

EMAIL = tburns@ccisd.net / wmayes@girlsmsg.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To carry out and plan a preconference for YALSA that will cover controversial issues and themes in young adult literature, as well as a segment on defending titles against challenges.

ACCOMPLISHED = We will have eight author speakers, each speaking on the topic of a particular sin (the seven deadly sins plus the sin of being popular), as well as a publisher speaking about the sin of making money. What we have envisioned is a day that asks us to look at the sins of the business first from an outsider's perspective looking in, but then carefully guides attendees to look to our own sins. When we talk about censorship issues, we need to be proactive and offer realistic solutions, yet remind librarians of the ways that we,

ourselves, fall prey to the temptation to shield children from books with which we have issues.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = conference program

STRATEGIES OTHER =

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = 2007 Michael L. Printz Award

CHAIR = Cindy Dobrez

EMAIL = dobrez@chartermi.net

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.

ACCOMPLISHED = Reading, reading, reading.

I've also responded to a task force survey in regards to Printz, ALEX, and MAE policies and publicity.

I'm also reviewing the chair handbook, the Printz website, and other documents for the next chair, and updating the Printz publisher database.

TERM WORK = I was asked to write an article for YALS and will collaborate with Printz committee member Angelina Benedetti to write this by the January 29th deadline I was given.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Continued collaboration/communication with ALSC in regards to awards announcements and publicity.

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, media, colleagues

CONCERNS = Judging eligibility of adult vs. YA titles for Printz is getting trickier each year. Graphic Novel publications, in particular, are proving to be a very gray area. The task force working on the awards committees might want to examine this issue.

COMMITTEE NAME = Michael L. Printz 2008 Committee

CHAIR = Lynn Rutan

EMAIL = lynnrrutan@charter.net

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.

ACCOMPLISHED = Elections and committee appointments were completed during the spring and summer. The original chairman resigned and Lynn Rutan was appointed chairman. Patricia Suellentrop was appointed to fill the committee vacancy.

The committee has been involved in online discussions of the elements of literary criticism during the fall, working on the committee rosters and beginning discussions on the committee's charge.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, media, colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Professional Development

CHAIR = Melanie A. Kimball

EMAIL = mkimball@buffalo.edu

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To create and maintain a professional development plan that responds to the needs of librarians serving young adults; to implement, evaluate and revise this plan as necessary; and to maintain a liaison with the ALA Committee on Education and other related ALA units.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1. We received a new charge that will make us responsible for oversight of YALSA's E-learning program. The Committee will discuss this change at the Midwinter meeting and how best to absorb this new duty.

2. The Committee evaluated twenty-five applications submitted to YALSA for inclusion in the Emerging Leaders Program. The Committee recommended two names to the Board as candidates to be sponsored by YALSA to the Emerging Leaders Program.

3. The Committee received the results of a survey designed by the Professional Development Committee and given to YALSA members asking for input on what kinds of programs members want to see for continuing education programs. The Committee will discuss the results at the Midwinter meeting in connection with their new responsibilities vis à vis the e-learning program.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = research, continuous learning

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = conference program, other

STRATEGIES OTHER = Electronic learning programs; continuous updating of the Professional Development website.

PARTNERS = media, colleagues

CONCERNS = This Committee has taken on quite a bit of additional responsibility and I am concerned that we may not be able to address everything we need to.

COMMITTEE NAME = Program Clearinghouse

CHAIR = Tina Frolund

EMAIL = frolundt@lvccld.org

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To review, facilitate and coordinate the planning and evaluation for all conference and non-conference program proposals and to make overall recommendations to the YALSA Board on the package of programs for Annual Conferences.

ACCOMPLISHED = There was a smooth transition between Erin Downey Howerton, past Chair and myself

We have begun to solicit preliminary proposals prior to Midwinter.

We have reviewed past slates of programs to better prepare us to evaluate current proposals

We have familiarized ourselves with the Survey in an effort to anticipate audience needs and interests.

TERM WORK = We would like Publications to share the information that everything members need to know to organize a program for YALSA can be found on the website in the Handbook under a section dedicated to programming – Procedure for Planning a Conference Program

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, research, continuous learning

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER = Happily, the Program Clearinghouse can contribute on all fronts by encouraging and sending forward to the Board appropriate programs that further the goals and objectives of YALSA.

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Publishers' Liaison

CHAIR = Gail Tobin

EMAIL = gtobin@stdl.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To create a better understanding between publishers and librarians in the library's use of materials with teenagers, in order that such materials be supplied more effectively. To select annually in accordance with the terms of the Book Wholesalers, Inc./YALSA Collection Development Grant, two YALSA members who represent a public library and who work directly with young adults.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1. We began work on the proposed Support Young Adult Literature Day planned for April 2007 and submitted our ideas for the media event and grassroots support to the YALSA Executive Committee meeting in October 2006.

2. We began planning a program for Anaheim 2008 featuring a panel of authors and publishers talking about forthcoming coming YA and Adult titles with teen appeal.

3. Committee members began reviewing the midwinter survey and its impact on us for discussion at annual.

TERM WORK = We will want to have articles featuring/promoting the proposed “Support YA Literature Day” in as many YALSA and ALA publications as possible once our plans are firmed up after midwinter.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Work with publishers, authors, media and other YALSA committees to promote media event and grassroots support.

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, parents, colleagues

CONCERNS = Budget for proposed “Support YA Literature Day”

COMMITTEE NAME = Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers

CHAIR = Sarah Couri

EMAIL = scouri@nypl.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = The list is for young adults, ages 12 to 18, who, for whatever reasons, do not like to read. The purpose of the list is to identify titles for recreational reading, not for curricular or remedial use.

ACCOMPLISHED = We have nominated a total of 130 books for discussion at Midwinter conference (80 new titles since Annual). Eighty-four of these titles are fiction, 46 are nonfiction.

TERM WORK = N/A until after Midwinter.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, collaboration

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Research

CHAIR = Randall Enos

EMAIL = renos@rcls.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To stimulate, encourage, guide and direct the research need of young adult library service; to compile abstracts, and disseminate research findings.

(Judging applications for the Frances Henne/VOYA Research Grant has been assigned to another committee.)

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee is complete.

Previous actions have been reviewed.

Plans for the conference program at Annual 2007 have been developed.

Worked on PLA Public Library Data Survey.

Investigated best practices of association mentoring programs.

TERM WORK = Nothing to report at this time.

ACTION AREA = research

STRATEGIES = outreach, conference program

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = ALSC Research Committee

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = educators

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = YALSA/RUSA Task Force on Reference Guidelines for Teens

CHAIR = Sarah Flowers/Helen Hejny(RUSA)

EMAIL = sarah.flowers@lib.sccgov.org

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To develop reference guidelines for serving young adults, ages 12 to 18, by Midwinter 2007. After the guidelines are endorsed, the task force will also promote the guidelines through both RUSA and YALSA journals, other appropriate journals and websites, applicable listservs and other applicable channels until Annual 2008.

ACCOMPLISHED = We have written the guidelines, which we will present at Midwinter.

TERM WORK = After the guidelines are approved by both RUSA and YALSA Boards, we need to publish them in the division journals. I will forward other publication ideas to Julie Bartel.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, research, continuous earning, association sustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, collaboration

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = RUSA

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Sagebrush Award Jury

CHAIR = Cara Kinsey

EMAIL = carakinsey@nypl.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = This award is designed to honor a member (or members) of YALSA who has developed an outstanding reading or literature program for young adults. The award provides a grant of \$1000 to support the winning member's attendance at the ALA Annual Conference. The award is made possible through an annual grant from Sagebrush Book Company, a division of The American Companies.

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ACCOMPLISHED = This is the first year the Sagebrush Award Jury has been in place, and after the jury was complete, we had only five weeks in which to promote the award. We spent those weeks creating a press release and blanketing every group of Young Adult librarians we could in order to encourage applications. Aside from the YALSA lists, we put word out through NYLA, NYPL, Teen Librarian (someone outside our committee posted this and included an unfortunate misprint, at <http://www.teenlibrarian.com/2006/10/sagebrush-award-for-outstanding.html>), AzLA, a statewide Michigan listserv, LM_NET, Texas Women's University, North Texas University, Rockwall TX ISD, Garland Texas ISD, Mesquite TX ISD, the University of Arizona, Catholic University, the Ohio YA listserv (which is linked to the Ohio Library Council's Young Adult Division), and (presumably, although none of our members living in these states I'm not sure if the messages successfully got out) California, Oregon (or Multnomah County Library System), and Washington (or KCLS) listservs.

We are pleased with the half dozen or so applications received for this cycle, and look forward to working between Midwinter and Annual on ideas for how to increase awareness about the award. Awards such as this do more than just reward hard work by YALSA members, they also advocate for teen services to the general public by increasing awareness of the important things teen librarians do each year. These awards also market YALSA to its members and to undecided members of ALA who work with teens and might chose to join and become active in YALSA preliminarily as a way to be eligible for YALSA awards. Like many other awards and lists YALSA gives/produces, the Sagebrush Award reminds both members and the public that an importance is still placed upon literature and literacy, not just the computers and games older patrons often complain about when they walk into a library.

TERM WORK = We are not yet ready to go to publication with anything. There will be a press release when the winner has been decided. While the award was still under the auspices of Outreach to Young Adults with Special Needs, there was discussion of writing an article about the award to encourage more applications. This will be something to consider for the next application cycle.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Professional Colleagues

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = AASL/ALSC/YALSA Interdivisional Committee on School/Public Library Cooperation

CHAIR = Kevin Scanlon

EMAIL = kvn_scnln@yahoo.com

FUNCTION STATEMENT = The AASL/ALSC/YALSA Interdivisional Committee on School/Public Library Cooperation will identify and disseminate information on effective cooperative or collaborative projects that link schools and local public libraries. The committee will maintain and update the resources that have been compiled on the ALA web site. The committee will develop training workshops and/or programs on cooperative or collaborative projects and present them at conferences, institutes and for other organizations serving youth. Committee members will detail findings in articles or books for division publications.

ACCOMPLISHED = We are a new committee so we are in the process of organizing. Our committee now has representatives from all three participating divisions. We are exploring possible projects for the upcoming year including:

1. A presentation and/or article/study on school and public library cooperation on meeting the goals of No Child Left Behind.
2. A presentation and/or article/study on school and public library cooperation on "Boys and Reading"
3. A presentation and/or article/study on school and public library cooperation on curriculum support in subjects other than Language Arts and Writing.

Any thoughts, particularly from the V.P./President-elect how any of these topics can fit within upcoming themes would be appreciated.

TERM WORK = We're open to any ideas that the Publications Committee has for us.

ACTION AREA = advocacy

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = School districts, other education professional organizations.

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, media, parents, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = Ray Barber, a virtual member from YALSA, has suggested that PLA have representatives on this committee.

COMMITTEE NAME = Selected DVD's/Videos for Young Adults

CHAIR = Jeri Gunther

EMAIL = gunther_j@oceancounty.lib.nj.us

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To select videos and digital video disks especially significant to young adults from those released in the past two years; to prepare an annotated list for publication in Booklist, School Library Journal, the YALSA web site, and other appropriate publications; and to present an annual showcase of selected items.

ACCOMPLISHED = We devised a new structure for obtaining videos that was led by my Administrative Assistant. It did yield better results, so we will see.

TERM WORK = None at this time

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = To our communities and even underserved populations.

STRATEGIES = outreach, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, parents, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = Wanting to make sure the equipment we need will be there -- that is the biggest concern we have.

Can we find out if we are in a wireless room?

COMMITTEE NAME = Selected DVDs Task Force

CHAIR = Carly Wiggins

EMAIL = cwiggins@acpl.info

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To evaluate the charge, policies, and procedures for the Selected DVDs and Videos Committee, to make recommendations for any changes needed to improve the overall committee structure and its process for selection, to ensure that its selected list is both useful and relevant to YA librarians, and to submit recommendations to the Board by Annual 2006.

ACCOMPLISHED = This group has focused on discussing and preparing in writing:

- The duties of committee members, the administrative assistant, and the Chair. The current committee policies and procedures do not explain in detail what role each position is expected to fill. Additional documentation will allow potential committee members to determine the time and effort required of those serving on this selection committee, and will provide the Board Liaison, Chair, and Administrative Assistant with guidelines to determine whether committee members are fulfilling their obligations.
- The current charge and purpose of the committee as they relate to the YALSA Strategic Plan and National Youth Participation Guidelines. In particular, several questions have been raised regarding the role of series and entertainment DVDs in relation to the selected list, and the perceived “esoteric” nature of published lists.

This Task Force has discussed the above issues via email during the past four months. We are now in the process of writing recommendations for review by the YALSA Board. The Task Force will submit proposed policies and procedures for Board consideration by the end of December. Additionally, the Chair of this Task Force will be available at the Midwinter meeting to complete any further work required of this group. With the permission of the YALSA Board, the Task Force expects to conclude all work and dissolve the workgroup by the end of the Midwinter conference.

TERM WORK = Our group generated an idea for a publication that lists and annotates the films that are still available for purchase from previous years, and also - and perhaps more importantly - details how to evaluate films for young adults.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = TAGS Teen Advisory Groups

CHAIR = Melissa T. Jenvey

EMAIL = mjenvey@nypl.org

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To start work on a plan for a new YALSA sub-website of the main Yalsa web site, with Teen Advisory Groups to be its focus.

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee continued its participation in YALSA's community of bloggers. Committee members posted monthly on various aspects of TAGS. There have been regular comments on the posts and lots of great information shared including how to start a TAG at your library and activities to do with your TAG.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy

STRATEGIES = outreach, collaboration

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Other committees of YALSA. Members who want their TAGS to participate in Yalsa events.

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, colleagues

CONCERNS = Right now the Committee is still listed as a "Task Force". The charge of working on the website has been accomplished and in many ways abandoned as more conducive technology has become available in the blog. The committee recommends that the charge be changed and examination of the "usefulness" of a TAGS committee separate from the Youth Participation Committee be discussed.

As was discussed at Midwinter YALSA is looking for ways to include more Teenagers in their programming, the TAG registration feature that still exists on the TAGS web site is a wonderful resource for this. The committee wishes that it could somehow be highlighted so that more members will register their TAGS.

COMMITTEE NAME = Teaching YA literature

CHAIR = Shannan Sword

EMAIL = slsword@gmail.com

FUNCTION STATEMENT = A discussion group for YALSA members who teach literature for young adults and/or are interested in teaching literature for young adults. The purpose of this discussion group is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, syllabi, and information.

ACCOMPLISHED = Discussion has grown among group members on the group blog.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, continuous learning

STRATEGIES = outreach

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Connection to ACRL to connect with those teaching future librarians.

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, colleagues

CONCERNS = Though she has not been involved with this discussion group for a couple of years, Terri Lesesne remains listed as the co-convenor.

COMMITTEE NAME = Technology for Young Adults

CHAIR = Meg Canada

EMAIL = mcanada@hclib.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = We are planning our 2007 program for annual conference and materials to support the 50th Anniversary.

ACCOMPLISHED = We looked at the possibility of reviewing websites for teens. We have also discussed online tools to share YALSA work.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = marketing, continuous learning

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = media, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS =

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COMMITTEE NAME = Teen Gaming Discussion Group

CHAIR = Beth Gallaway

EMAIL = informationgoddess29@gmail.com

FUNCTION STATEMENT = The purpose of the committee is to discuss issues relating to teens and gaming and to develop and disseminate best practices in collections, programming, and related topics in the field of gaming (including video, computer, internet, handheld, mobile, board, card, and miniatures) for young adults ages 12-18.

ACCOMPLISHED = We added some content to the ALA Online Communities page, prepared for Midwinter '07 preconference, submitted proposals at two conferences including ALA Annual 2007 where we're having a presentation on 'Video Games as a Service: Hosting a Tournament in Your Library', posted a podcast to the YALSA blog about the annual meeting of the discussion group in New Orleans, request the board take action in creating a gaming selection list, created handouts/resources for board games, virtual worlds, and the gaming discussion group. We have a relationship and presence in the virtual world of Second Life where we will simultaneously present during our live meetings at Midwinter and Annual.

TERM WORK = Next meeting: ALA Midwinter - Seattle, WA
W Hotel Seattle, 1112 Fourth Avenue
Studio 8
Saturday, January 20, 1:30pm-3:30pm

ACTION AREA = advocacy, continuous learning

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Research, Technology for Young Adults

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Teen Tech Week Task Force

CHAIR = Linda W. Braun

EMAIL = lbraun@leonline.com

FUNCTION STATEMENT =

ACCOMPLISHED = Prepared presentation for the Teen Tech Week Kickoff, provided ideas for sponsor activities/support, worked on the TTW Wiki, provided suggestions for items to sell for TTW in the ALA store, developed guidelines for TTW Video contest. Started TTW podcasts (currently published approximately twice per month.)

TERM WORK = Availability of TTW wiki, handouts and presentations from TTW Kickoff (presentations will be recorded for a TTW podcasts) TTW Video contest.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, association sustainability

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Publishers, tech companies, educators, YPulse

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = As this is a first time effort we are learning as we go along and are getting a lot of support from the YALSA Office.

COMMITTEE NAME = Teen Read Week

CHAIR = RoseMary Honnold

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To provide recommendations for each annual Teen Read Week to the ALA/YALSA staff; to assist in the selection of a slogan, the drawing up of a timeline, the creation of new items added to the tip sheet and Teen Reading website, and to recommend promotional activities and products.

ACCOMPLISHED = The Teen Read Week Committee made several suggestions for the 2007 Teen Read Week slogan and generated program ideas for each slogan. A different slogan was selected and the committee has not had a chance to work on the new theme yet. The new slogan is LOL @ your library.

One committee member resigned and was replaced and one member changed to being a virtual member.

TERM WORK = We will be making assignments for developing material for the Teen Read Week Web site.

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

CONCERNS = Our committee spent a couple of months discussing ideas for a slogan. A slogan someone at the YALSA office suggested was thrown in at the last minute. The new slogan wasn't communicated to the committee chair without my asking what it was.

COMMITTEE NAME = YA Urban Populations Discussion Group

CHAIR = Kathy Degyansky

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = Provide an opportunity for networking and sharing among librarians/others who have a need and interest in serving young adults in urban settings.

ACCOMPLISHED = Email discussions. Agreed to co-sponsor a program submitted for PLA 2008 on "Disconnected Youth".

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy

STRATEGIES = outreach, conference program, other

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER = Blog or sponsor a pod-cast.

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Virtual Regional Advisory Board

CHAIR = Angela Parks

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To collect and share information with the YALSA office about issues relating to young adult librarianship at the state and regional levels; to liaise with state and regional chapters and share with them information and resources about key YALSA programs and initiatives; to communicate with YALSA's Division and Membership Promotion Committee and collaborate as appropriate; to work with ALA's Chapter Relations

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Office as appropriate; and to assist the YALSA office with participation in state and regional conferences.

ACCOMPLISHED = Each member has made contact with state and regional levels and submitted this to the Board in October. Members continue to forward information and resources from YALSA about key YALSA programs and initiatives to state and regional levels. Also, members submitted key conference for fall 2006 and winter/spring 2007 conferences that YALSA may want to be represented.

TERM WORK = I plan to write an article for *YAttitudes* on this group and the challenges of getting a new virtual committee started before the spring conference.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = State and regional young adult librarianships; YALSA's Division and Membership

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = Communication continues to be a difficult matter. I spoke with Amy Alessio (Board Liaison) about starting a wiki in order to address this concern. It has been difficult to get members to use the ALA Online Community.

COMMITTEE NAME = Web Site Advisory

CHAIR = Linda W. Braun

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To regularly provide oversight for YALSA web content and methods of distribution.

ACCOMPLISHED = Developed Wiki Guidelines, MySpace Guidelines, and MySpace presence for YALSA. Started moderating YALSA MySpace - each Committee member is responsible for one month of moderating MySpace.

TERM WORK = Start of YALSA MySpace as a marketing and community building tool.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, association sustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Publishers, libraries, AASL, ALSC, Ypulse, ISTE

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, parents, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = When this committee was formed we weren't sure what our focus and goals were/are. Now the framework is developing that the Committee works on special projects that support YALSA's web development needs. This works well for the Committee and YALSA.

COMMITTEE NAME = YA Galley

CHAIR = Edith Cummings

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = The function statement of the Committee is: 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.

ACCOMPLISHED = 2006 Teens' Top Ten list:

1. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling (Scholastic Press, 2005).
2. Twilight by Stephanie Meyer (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2005).
3. Eldest by Christopher Paolini (Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2005).
4. Rebel Angels by Libba Bray (Delacorte Press, 2005).
5. Peeps by Scott Westerfeld (Razorbill, 2005).
6. 13 Little Blue Envelopes by Maureen Johnson (HarperCollins Children's Books, 2005).
7. Poison by Chris Wooding (Orchard Books, 2005).
8. Captain Hook: The Adventures of a Notorious Youth by J.V. Hart (Laura Geringer Books, 2005).
9. If I Have a Wicked Stepmother, Where's My Prince? by Melissa Kantor (Hyperion Books for Children, 2005).
10. Elsewhere by Gabrielle Zevin (Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers, 2005)

Since July, our committee has:

- Contacted successful applicants welcoming them to project;
- Thanked outgoing groups;
- Contacted publisher members to verify/update master contact list;
- Prepared paper ballots and assisted YALSA office in preparing online vote;

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- Tallied online and paper results of TTT 2006, combined the two lists to determine official results for the press release;
- Verified copyright/publishing information from 2006 list and delivered to YALSA office for press release;
- Prepared new member packets for incoming groups;
- Updated documents for new publisher members;
- Answered questions from new group leaders about project (ongoing);
- One committee member checked nominations for eligibility (ongoing);
- One committee member moderated teen listserv (ongoing);
- One committee member added new publisher contacts and sent information to new publisher members (ongoing);
- Three committee members sent electronic forms back to group leaders for review before sending to publisher (ongoing);
- One committee member maintained list of 2007 nominations (ongoing).

TERM WORK = YA Galley would like to have an official sticker for the books on the Teens' Top Ten list, which YALSA would sell and libraries could buy for their TTT books. The books chosen for the list are typically very popular books among teens and it would be great to have the name YALSA plastered on the front of those books.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication

STRATEGIES OTHER =

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = YALSA YA Literature Symposium Task Force

CHAIR = Stephanie A. Squicciarini

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To plan and implement YALSA's first Young Adult Literature Symposium, consider the idea of the symposium as a venue for presenting scholarly papers on topics relating to young adult literature (papers could then be gathered and published by YALSA), explore the option of including vendors as a means of generating revenue, and work with the YALSA office as necessary. This event should feature, but not be limited to, authors who have recently won YALSA awards, be at least one full day long, be funded in part by monies from the Morris endowment, be a biennial event held separately from the ALA Annual Conference or Midwinter Meeting, and be held in 2007 or no later than 2008.

ACCOMPLISHED = We have done a lot of work on brainstorming format and content. Below is as brief a summary of our work and ideas as I can give:

YALSA Literature Symposium

Overarching Theme: YA Literature across the Ages

- Dual meanings across time and across age/reading levels
- Focus on FIRSTS: First YALSA YA Literature Symposium, Authors who won Printz or Honor with First YA Book.

Suggested Target Audience:

- Librarians, Library School Students, Teachers.

Location for Symposium:

- NYC: Strongly suggested because of potential publisher involvement, Bill Morris connection, ease/frequency of air travel. Potential drawback: higher cost of hotels to attendees, may only draw from local areas.
- Indianapolis is suggested because you can walk places and the hotels aren't too expensive. Chicago requires cabs and is expensive. We think more teachers and librarians come if we have it in the middle of the country, but we also think that we'll have substantially less publisher involvement.
- Potentially "attach" Symposium to another event, but we don't want it to detract from the Symposium excitement.

Length of Symposium:

- Day and a half to two days: allows for enough content to be worth expense and allows for ease of attendance (not too long) with longer stays if desired
- Big kickoff event on Friday and then all day on Saturday: allows people to travel on Sunday: allows people who cannot get time off during work schedules to attend; hinders attendance by those who don't want to do attend such programs on weekends (not going to please everyone!)

Format of Symposium:

- Keynote address
- Special meal events with speakers
- Authors and librarians as moderators/interviewers: focus on authors - people want to hear the author speak, not necessarily the moderator
- Concurrent Breakout sessions, attendees' choice

Speakers for Symposium:

- Main keynoter, meal speakers, program speakers
- General feeling - include HC author for major keynote address; honor the HC/Bill Morris Legacy, Printz authors, Printz authors with HC connection, Printz authors who won with first (YA) book.

Cost Structure for Symposium: Similar to other Conferences

- Reduced costs for YALSA members, students
- Provide one or two Symposium Scholarships (who would come up with criteria?)
- Build in an amount to go into Bill Morris Fund to plan for future events
- Package deal for Symposium and special meal events

Sponsors for Symposium:

- SLJ very interested (they used the term “partnering”). Contact: Brian Kenney
- Publishers of invited authors (perhaps cover travel/hotel expenses, provide goodie bags for attendees, sponsor specific meal event)
- Other review/professional journals

General Ideas:

- Catherine Balkin to introduce Bill Morris Legacy/Tribute
- Strong focus/presence of Printz award winners help further recognition for award and winners
- Have survey/feedback for attendees to complete. Survey would include suggestions for authors/speakers, topics, locations, etc.
- Have annotated reading lists available ahead of time. If themed programs, include across the theme. If author-focused, include author booklist (i.e. if first time authors/Printz winners, include that list).
- Special events sponsors □ either at an extra cost to attendees, or fully covered by sponsors.
- Have students submit papers to be considered for publication in connection with symposium. Selected entries to receive free admission to next symposium.
- Students and attendees submit scholarly papers on topics covered at symposium to be published by YALSA.
- Stay away from political speakers.
- Limit authors who write for adults and then enter YA market; unless feel really strongly about inclusion.
- Have raffle for winner to get author visit to school/library (need to get publisher and author buy-in on this)
- Raffle for collection of books by authors present at Symposium
- Raffle for YALSA membership (Three Year Membership?)
- Consider limited Exhibits
- Plan Author Autographing Sessions

Rough Idea for Potential Schedule (Build in time for author book signings)

FRIDAY:

Evening: A Kick-Off Banquet with a WOW keynote speaker (ticketed event for about \$30)
Authors suggested: Walter Dean Myers, Robert Lipsyte (Have an author who worked with or knew Bill Morris well)

SATURDAY:

8:30-10:30 am: Breakfast with a speaker (ticketed event for about \$15)

Speaker could be author from one of our panels: Thought here is that author we select to facilitate each of the other programs could be the meal speaker (for each meal event). Again, it gives these WOW authors a chance to present to the entire group. The meal speakers could be the threads that tie the entire program together. Other suggestion is to have authors representing different genres, suggested by publishers and selected by Task Force/YALSA.

10:45-Noon: Two different panels, concurrently*

Authors who have won a Printz with their first books

Authors across the Ages: Perhaps two who crossover from J into YA and two that write for YA into older YA/adult

12:00-2:00 pm: Lunch with a speaker (ticketed event for about \$20)

Speaker could be author from one of our afternoon panels

2:15-3:30 pm: Two different panels, concurrently*

Novels in verse

Non-fiction (perhaps paired with historical fiction)

3:45-5:00 pm: A panel, with someone offering concluding remarks

SUNDAY:

8:30-10:30 am: Breakfast with a speaker (ticketed event for about \$15)

10:45-Noon: A tribute panel to Bill – I’m suggesting we end it with this, and those not interested can schedule their flights home a bit earlier. We might even advertise this as a “special panel for Bill’s old friends.”

General Ideas for authors/topics:

- Invite the publishing community to submit YA author names for consideration. For example, we could ask them for a new voice in YA literature for the Saturday breakfast. For the lunch speaker, we might ask them to suggest YA fantasy authors. And for the Sunday breakfast, we could ask them to suggest authors whose books have a lot of humor. Or pick another genre □ mysteries, sports, etc. Either our committee or YALSA could choose from the author names submitted. My point is that we would then have more variety. Plus, I think if publishers felt they were involved in the process, we would get more support from them.
- Reasons for thinking that a person from the panel could be our speaker at these meal functions. One is that this author can be whoever we select to be the facilitator of the panel. Since that person will be more of a leader in the program, having them speak at a function would give people a taste for what that program will be like, and since we may not be able to duplicate programs, allows attendees to experience whoever we select as the best person to facilitate. One idea - could be amazing if we can pull it off - is to ask Terry Trueman to do a poetry reading of his poem “Sheehan” that began the road to *Stuck in Neutral*. For those of you who don’t know it - in the beginning of each chapter, the portions of the Dad’s poem that are there are actually from Trueman’s poem “Sheehan” about how he felt and dealt with the birth of his son. This could be a really fabulous way to lead into the program on authors winning

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with their first book - since it is this poem that inspired the Printz Honor Winning book (for his first book), it is really a personal look into the life of the author and how his life brought about an award-winning book, and could be a huge WOW! The author we select to facilitate each of the other programs could be the meal speaker. Again - it gives these WOW authors a chance to present to the entire group. The meal speakers could be the threads that tie the entire program together.

- Authors who won a Printz Medal or Honor with their first YA book: Laurie Halse Anderson, Jennifer Donnelly (she also writes adult books), K.L. Going, John Green, An Na, Meg Rosoff, Louise Rennison (overseas), Terry Trueman.
- Across the Ages: Bruce Coville, Gail Carson Levine, Gordon Korman, Sharon Creech, Ken Oppel, Marcus Zusak, Sarah Dessen, Joan Bauer, Karen Cushman
- Novels in Verse: Karen Hesse, Sonya Sones, Mel Glenn, Kristen Smith (new).
- Authors who have written across the ages: Classics in YA Literature: M.E. Kerr, S.E. Hinton, Terry Davis, Judy Blume (across age levels and time!)
- Authors who have stood the test of time: Tamora Pierce, Avi, Joan Bauer, Ursula Le Guin - will maintain their appeal, how do they do it, what are their challenges, burned out?
- Authors writing more literary works for teens

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = marketing, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER = Students could submit papers for publication in *YALS*, *VOYA*, or *SLJ*, collaboration with publishers

PARTNERS = educators, media, colleagues

CONCERNS = This is my first time preparing a Preconference Committee Report. Please let me know if this format is workable. We have done a lot of brainstorming and work on suggestions for content and format. Much of the work has been completed within the past couple months with the switch in Chairs...and we are still brainstorming! We are an energetic, passionate, and eager group! There is also concern or perhaps better put, interest in the Task Force Committee being involved all the way through the actual execution and presentation of the Symposium in 2008.

COMMITTEE NAME = Youth Participation

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To establish guidelines and/or procedures to involve young adults in the decision-making process which directly affects their access to information and library service at local, state, and national levels; and to provide continuing education and public professional awareness of youth participation.

ACCOMPLISHED = Our committee developed a survey that investigated the level of support for a Teen Summit and "Best Teen" award modeled after Suffolk & Nassau County's B.E.S.T. Award. The survey was distributed to several electronic discussion lists including PubYac, Tagad-L, LM_NET, YALSA-L, YA-YAAC, as well as several state lists. Although only 22 people responded to this brief survey, it did provide some preliminary insight that was presented as a report to the Board in October 2006.

TERM WORK = None at this time

ACTION AREA = advocacy, research, continuous learning

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = The YALSA committees that also encompass youth participations: Outreach to Young Adults with Special Needs, PATS, TAGS, and YA Galley.

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = I look forward to re-connecting with the committee and having a productive meeting. I hope to be able to lead the committee to rethink our function statement so that it is still relevant.