

**Fall Executive Committee Meeting  
October 21-22, 2011, Chicago**

**Topic:** Ad-Hoc Committee on STEM Update

**Background:** Following the 2011 Annual meeting, an ad-hoc committee of the Board was organized to identify and prioritize STEM activities prior to the August Board conference call. The following updates are a result of those activities, outreach by YALSA staff, and action taken during the August call

**Action Required:** Discussion

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**Completed tasks:**

- Article published in *American Libraries*’ “Youth Matters” column by Linda Braun entitled “The Lowdown on STEM”
- YALSA Forum in ALA Connect on incorporating STEM into library services and programming by Shannon Peterson (October 3-7th)

**Tasks in progress:**

- Shannon Peterson has agreed to publish a short update/article on YALSA STEM activities for the winter *YALS* edition.
- YALSA will host a booth at the 2012 USA Science & Engineering Festival in Washington DC, April 27-29: <http://usasciencefestival.org>.
- Continuing education officer Eve Gaus is currently working on a STEM focused webinar for early 2012.
- YALSA blog manager mk Eagle has been contacted and encouraged to find members to write about STEM related issues. The taskforce may be able to assist with this activity as necessary.
- During the August conference call, the YALSA Board voted to create a STEM taskforce. The taskforce, currently being appointed by YALSA President Sarah Flowers, will operate under the following charge:

The taskforce will create a variety of resources to help members implement STEM-focused programs and services through their libraries, including creating a “STEM in libraries” toolkit to be released in conjunction with 2012 ‘s Teen Tech Week™; implementing a STEM programming contest for members to highlight best practices; establishing and maintaining a STEM page on YALSA’s public wiki and encouraging members to contribute to the content there, including a list of recommended reads relating to STEM; as requested by the YALSA blog Manager, identify bloggers to regularly create STEM related posts; as requested by the YALS Editor, identify authors to write STEM related articles. Taskforce size: 5-7 virtual members, including the chair. Term of appointment: October 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013.

-Respectfully submitted by Shannon Peterson for the YALSA Board STEM Ad-Hoc Committee