

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

Topic: IMLS Leadership Grant Proposal

Background: Over the past decade, many sizable changes have occurred that directly impact young adult library services. These include technological developments related to how teens access information and methods librarians use to provide programs and resources. Additionally, as recent research demonstrates the demographic make-up of the teen population has seen major changes, as have some aspects of adolescent development. As a result, the traditional approach to library services for teens may no longer be adequate. Therefore, it is time to evaluate the current state of young adult library services and develop a road map for the future, and to provide those involved in library service to teens a flexible blueprint for shaping young adult services for the next decade.

Action Required: Information

YALSA is developing a proposal for a National Forum Grant from the IMLS to bring together key stakeholders from the areas of libraries, education, technology, adolescent development and the for-profit and nonprofit sectors. This group of stakeholders will be made up of a group invited by the project planners and a group selected via competitive application process. The full group would meet both virtually and face-to-face to explore the world of young adults and young adult library services and ultimately produce a white paper which will provide direction on how young adult services needs to adapt and potentially change to better meet the needs of 21st century teens.

ALA President Elect Maureen Sullivan has agreed to facilitate the face-to-face meeting of stakeholders. Sullivan brings a wealth of experience in this type of facilitation to the project as well as experience with libraries and their needs in the rapidly changing technological environment. A project team will oversee all aspects of the project including working with Sullivan on planning the face-to-face session, planning and implementing the follow-up virtual work, and writing and disseminating the white paper.

The proposal is due to IMLS February 2012. YALSA has outlined the following timeline in order to meet that deadline:

- Obtain participation commitments of core invited stakeholders, Oct. 2011
- Seek letters of support, Oct-Nov. 2011
- Conduct literature review, Oct-Nov. 2011
- Write and refine grant proposal, Nov.–Dec. 2011
- Submit grant proposal, Feb. 2012

If the proposal is funded, monies will be available in fall 2013. The timeline for the project once implementation begins is:

- Face-to-Face summit, Jan. 2013
- Summit follow-up virtual events, Feb. - April 2013
- Draft white paper available for member comment, May - June 2013
- Dissemination and marketing of white paper begins, Aug. 2013

Additional Resources

IMLS National Leadership Grant proposal and information page

<http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=14>