

2020 YALSA Sample Ballot

1. Franklin L. Escobedo

Current Position:

Principal Librarian

Institution/Organization:

Coronado Public Library

City:

Coronado

State:

CA

Type of Library:

Public

Previous Position 1:

Principal Librarian, Young Adult Services, Oceanside Public Library, 2010-2014

Previous Position 2:

Young Adult Services Librarian, Oceanside Public Library, 2007-2010

Degrees and Certificates:

MLIS from SJSU, 2007

BA Visual Arts (Studio) from the University of California, San Diego, 2001

BA Literatures of the World from the University of California, San Diego, 2001

Division Affiliation(s):

YALSA

To which Round Tables do you belong?

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT)

To which Ethnic Affiliates do you belong?

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Were/are you a Spectrum Scholar?

No

Were/are you an Emerging Leader?

No

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

Social Media Taskforce, Chair 2019-2020, Financial Advancement Committee 2018-2019, YALSA Board of Directors, Secretary, 2017-2019, ALA Conference Committee 2017-2019, YALSA Board of Director at Large 2016-2017, Printz Award Committee 2015-2016, YALSA Greenwood Outstanding Achievement Jury 2013-2014; YALSA Financial Advancement Committee, 2013-2015; Outstanding Books for College Bound, 2013-2014; Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, Chair 2010, 2009-2013; YA Lit Symposium Evaluation Taskforce, Chair, 2012; YALSA 2012 Nominating Committee, 2011-2012; YALSA President's Advisory Taskforce, 2011-2012; YALSA President's Program Planning Committee, 2009-2010; GLBT-RT Liaison to YALSA, 2008-2012

Offices held in state/regional library associations, and other associations (include DATES):

Co-Chair, Serra Adult Services Committee 2018-2019

Chair, Serra Youth Services Committee 2013-2014

Honors and Awards (library and non-library, including DATES):

None

Major Accomplishments:

One of my major accomplishments was revitalizing teen's services for the library I first worked for. When I started there were six volunteers who didn't do much outside of the teen area. During my first year on the job after revitalizing the collection and weeding books that were checking out, I turned my attention to the teen volunteer program. Working with the staff to overcome their apprehension and reaching out to the teens at the local schools. I went from six volunteers to over a hundred; volunteers were helping in every department and assisting with the programs. While getting the teens to engage with the staff was a success, getting the staff to accept teens as teens and welcoming to the library was the greatest success.

Links to further information:

For more about me visit my website: franklin4yalsapresident.com

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Statement of Professional Concerns/Aspirations if Elected:

While I served on the Board as the YALSA secretary in the past, I'm running for YALSA President because I feel there is more that I could do and more that I can contribute to our Association. I've always been an advocate for teens, but I am an advocate for YALSA Members and those in our profession who assist teens on a daily basis. Working in a small library I understand the challenges that we all face when it comes to balancing all the demands that are placed on a small staff and providing top notch services for teens. I know that Young Adult Librarians face challenges, whether you're in a big system or a school library the Association needs to support your work. I want to champion your work.

Number of Years as an ALA Member:

13

2. Kelly Nicole Czarnecki

Current Position:

Teen Loft Manager

Institution/Organization:

ImaginOn, Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Library

City:

Charlotte

State:

NC

Type of Library:

Public

Previous Position 1:

Resident Advisor, Charlotte Family Housing, 2006-present

Previous Position 2:

Teen Lead Librarian, ImaginOn, Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Library, 2006-2017

Previous Position 3:

Young Adult Librarian, Bloomington Public Library, 2002-2005

Degrees and Certificates:

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University of Illinois, MSLIS, 2002
University of Illinois, M.Ed, 2001
University of Illinois, B.A. Rhetoric, 1997

Division Affiliation(s):

YALSA

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To which Ethnic Affiliates do you belong?

Were/are you a Spectrum Scholar?

No

Were/are you an Emerging Leader?

No

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

October 2015-March 2016
Content Expert, YALSA Programming HQ

April 2013-January 2014
YALSA Programming Guidelines Development Task Force

July 2013-January 2014
YALSA Blog Advisory Board

September 2012-June 2013
YALSA President's Program Planning Task Force

July 2010-June 2013
ALA Councilor-At-Large

June 2010-June 2011
ALA President's Initiative, *Why I Need My Library Contest* Planning Committee

July 2009-June 2010
ALA Annual Half Day Pre-Conference Planning Task Force

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May 2008-April 2009

Expert panel for ALA's Verizon-funded initiative; *Libraries, Literacy, and Gaming*

June 2007-July 2008

YALSA's Technology for Young Adults committee

June 2006-July 2008

YALSA's Gaming Discussion Group

Co-Chair

June 2006-September 2007

Outreach to YALSA's Young Adults with Special Needs Committee

Offices held in state/regional library associations, and other associations (include DATES):

None

Honors and Awards (library and non-library, including DATES):

Convocation Speaker, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Illinois 2019

Reviewer for the fiscal year 2018 National Leadership Grants with the Institute of Museum and Library Services

YALSA Writing award recipient 2014

Visiting presenter in Malaysia and Indonesia on gaming in libraries on behalf of the US Embassy 2013

ALA Councilor-At-Large 2010-2013

Partner for Global Kids Edge Project, funded by the MacArthur Foundation 2010

A YALSA Excellence in Library Services to Young Adults Award recipient 2012

An ALA/Verizon Expert Panel Member for Libraries, Literacy and Gaming Grant 2008

A Library Journal Mover and Shaker Award recipient 2007

Major Accomplishments:

1. Served as a reviewer for the fiscal year 2018 National Leadership Grants with the Institute of Museum and Library Services.
2. Library Journal Mover and Shaker award recipient
3. YALSA Excellence in Library Services to Young Adults Award recipient

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4. YALSA Writing Award recipient
5. ALA Councilor-At-Large
6. Partner for Global Kids Edge Project, funded by MacArthur Foundation
7. ALA/Verizon Expert Panel Member for Libraries, Literacy, and Gaming Grant
8. Author of Gaming in Libraries (The Tech Set, an award winning series)
9. Visiting presenter in Malaysia and Indonesia on gaming in libraries on behalf of the US Embassy
10. Presenter in Queensland Australia on Youth Services at ImaginOn

Publication 1:

YALSA Task Force Co-Author: "Teen Programming Guidelines Manual", 2015

Publication 2:

Author: "Gaming in Libraries," (Neal Schuman), Number 9, 2010

Publication 3:

Author: "Digital Storytelling in Practice," (ALA TechSource) Library Technology Report, 2009.

Links to further information:

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<http://kellyczarnecki.blogspot.com>

Statement of Professional Concerns/Aspirations if Elected:

Kelly will utilize her experience in working with teens as YALSA President-Elect by advocating for the impact libraries have on teens and to continue to grow the organization by helping give others the tools and support to effectively engage teens in their communities. Kelly thrives in working as part of a team, which the position of YALSA President-Elect would lend itself to. She champions an organization rich with diverse experiences and opinions to continue to grow the membership. Kelly has a great passion in working with teens, particularly the underserved. In working with families experiencing homelessness for over twenty years she has developed important skills including active listening, empathy, and advocacy that she plans to bring to the position of YALSA President-Elect. Kelly is eager to continue in evolving YALSA to do the best work we can in serving teens with their unique challenges and opportunities!

Number of Years as an ALA Member:

19

3. Kate Denier

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Current Position:

Senior Branch Manager

Institution/Organization:

Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

City:

Cincinnati

State:

OH

Type of Library:

Public

Previous Position 1:

Branch Manager, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, 2011-2017

Previous Position 2:

Teen Services Librarian, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, 2007-2011

Previous Position 3:

Library Services Assistant, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, 2001-2004

Degrees and Certificates:

University of Denver, MLIS, 2006; Xavier University, BA English, 2004.

Division Affiliation(s):

YALSA

PLA

To which Round Tables do you belong?

To which Ethnic Affiliates do you belong?

Were/are you a Spectrum Scholar?

No

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Were/are you an Emerging Leader?

No

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

YALSA Board of Directors, Ex-Officio Member, 2017-2020; YALSA Organization & Bylaws Committee, Chair, 2019-2020; YALSA Financial Advancement Committee, Chair, 2017-2019; YALSA Organization & Bylaws Committee, Member, 2017-2018; YALSA Member Achievement Taskforce, Chair, 2017; YALSA Morris Award 2017 Committee, Member, 2016-2017; YALSA Great Books Giveaway Award Jury, Chair, 2015-2017; YALSA Great Books Giveaway Award Jury, Member, 2014-2015; YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, Member, 2010-2014; YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, Sub-Committee Chair, 2012-2013; YALSA Baker & Taylor Award Jury, Member, 2011-2012; YALSA Wrestlemania Committee, Member, 2009-2010.

Offices held in state/regional library associations, and other associations (include DATES):

Honors and Awards (library and non-library, including DATES):

2009 Baker & Taylor/ALA Conference Grant

Major Accomplishments:

Fund and Partner Development Committee, YALSA Board, member 2017-2020; Successfully completed the Tomorrow's Managers Program and Management Academy at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County (PLCH), and then became a coach for both programs; Served on PLCH's Teen Services Council from 2010-2012; Created a teen space and collection, teen programming and teen advisory board for a new urban branch of PLCH that opened in 2008.

Publication 1:

Publication 2:

Publication 3:

Links to further information:

Twitter: @dulibkat

Statement of Professional Concerns/Aspirations if Elected:

I have volunteered for YALSA for over ten years, serving on a wide variety of committees, and have worked with countless YALSA members. Throughout my career, YALSA has directly impacted my ability to serve teens at my organization and my ability to lead. As Chair of the Financial Advancement Committee for the last 2 years, I have gained an understanding of YALSA's finances and have ideas on what to do moving forward. I worked closely with our Executive Director and Fiscal Officer to oversee

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fundraising for YALSA, including promotion and donor recognition. I want to continue my Board work to ensure YALSA's financial health, but also to ensure staff that work with teens are supported with the resources they need and that teens are always put first. I have loved my time as an ex-officio board member, and I would like to contribute even more by becoming Fiscal Officer.

Number of Years as an ALA Member:

14

4. Susannah Goldstein

Current Position:

School Librarian

Institution/Organization:

The Brearley School

City:

New York

State:

NY

Type of Library:

School

Previous Position 1:

School Librarian, Bronx School for Law, Government & Justice, 2015-2018

Previous Position 2:

Assistant Librarian, Convent of the Sacred Heart, 2013-2015

Degrees and Certificates:

Rutgers University, MLIS School Media, 2013

Barnard College, BA History, 2002

Division Affiliation(s):

ALSC

AASL

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To which Round Tables do you belong?

Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT)

Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)

Intellectual Freedom Round Table (IFRT)

Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange RT (EMIERT)

To which Ethnic Affiliates do you belong?

Were/are you a Spectrum Scholar?

No

Were/are you an Emerging Leader?

No

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

YALSA Summer Reading & Learning Task Force, Member, 2015

YALSA Quack Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers, Member, 2017

AASL/ALSC/YALSA Interdivisional Committee on School-Public Library Cooperation, 2018-present

Offices held in state/regional library associations, and other associations (include DATES):

Hudson Valley Library Association, Secretary, 2016-2017

Honors and Awards (library and non-library, including DATES):

Beta Phi Mu Scholarship Recipient, Rutgers University, 2012

Major Accomplishments:

Reviewer of Young Adult literature for School Library Journal, Booklist, Association of Jewish Libraries

Moderator, The Power of Love panel, SLJ Teen Live, August 2019

Publication 1:

"The Key to College-Level Research," School Library Journal, Volume 65, Number 8, 2019.

Publication 2:

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Publication 3:

Links to further information:

Statement of Professional Concerns/Aspirations if Elected:

I believe that supporting youth librarians on the ground is our most crucial work. Youth librarians work with teens in all communities, and we need to support their work by continuing to provide high-quality resources for our librarians, while increasing access for our teens. True access for teens (access to information, access to high-quality and representative literature, safe spaces) requires education, resources, and creative ideas for their dedicated librarians-- and I look forward to helping YALSA in that important work. I pledge to listen to the voices of teens and librarians, boost the good work that is being done so that others can benefit, and make sure a range of voices is represented. I believe deeply in the need for strong public library/school library partnership, and am excited to keep doing this important work, because cooperation ensures that our teens will have stronger libraries in all parts of their lives.

Number of Years as an ALA Member:

10

5. Dawn McMillan

Current Position:

Teen Librarian

Institution/Organization:

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

City:

Cincinnati

State:

OH

Type of Library:

Public

Previous Position 1:

Branch Manager, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, 2017-2018

Previous Position 2:

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Teen Librarian, Boone County Public Library, 2001-2010

Previous Position 3:

Degrees and Certificates:

Northern Kentucky University, Bachelors of Arts in History, Minor in African American Studies, 2005

University of Kentucky, Masters of Science in Library and Information Science, 2007

Division Affiliation(s):

YALSA

To which Round Tables do you belong?

To which Ethnic Affiliates do you belong?

Were/are you a Spectrum Scholar?

No

Were/are you an Emerging Leader?

No

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

Young Adult Library Services Association

- Chairperson, Edwards Award Committee, 2019-2020
- Chairperson, Innovation Award Taskforce, 2018-2019
- Committee Member, Innovation Award Taskforce, 2017-2018
- Chairperson, YA Symposium Marketing & Planning Taskforce, 2016-2017
- Committee Member, YA Symposium Marketing & Planning Taskforce, 2015-2016
- Chairperson, Youth Participation Committee, 2008-2009
- Committee Member, Youth Participation Committee, 2007-2008
- Sub-Committee Chair, Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, 2008-2010
- Committee Member, Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, 2007-2008

Offices held in state/regional library associations, and other associations (include DATES):

Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives, Member, Teen Services in the Public Library Committee, 2006-2008

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Honors and Awards (library and non-library, including DATES):

YALSA, Volunteer of the Year Award, 2017

Major Accomplishments:

I began my library career in 2001 at the Boone County Public Library system in Northern Kentucky. Over my nine years working for this system I worked with my director to create a Teen Librarian position and became the first Teen Librarian in 2007. During this time I worked very closely with the Kentucky Department of Library and Archives and the Search Institute to continually develop a strong Teen Services model for my library. Additionally, I led the BCPL Teen Advisory Group to work directly with the Search Institute's Healthy Youth Conference in Cincinnati in 2009.

I am extremely proud of all of the work I have done over the past decade within YALSA. I was honored to receive the 2017 YALSA Volunteer of the Year award. Most recently I have had the privilege to help create the Innovation Award and worked as the chairperson of the first jury selecting the inaugural recipient of this award. In 2019 I was appointed Chairperson of the Edwards Award Committee, which was a career dream come true!

Publication 1:

Publication 2:

Publication 3:

Links to further information:

Statement of Professional Concerns/Aspirations if Elected:

Helping teens find a place to feel safe, respected, and valued has been my life's work. The specific topics that I see as most important in my day to day work as a Teen Librarian in a Public Library are all related to inclusion. I would like to work in the areas of Diversity and LGBTQIA advocacy.

Number of Years as an ALA Member:

12

6. Joel D Shoemaker

Current Position:

Director

Institution/Organization:

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Illinois Prairie District Public Library

City:

Metamora

State:

IL

Type of Library:

Public

Previous Position 1:

Director, Oakwood Public Library, 2015-2017

Previous Position 2:

Library Manager, Von Steuben Middle School, 2012-2015

Degrees and Certificates:

Dominican University, MLIS, 2015; Eureka College, BS Elementary Education, 2006

Division Affiliation(s):

ALSC

PLA

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To which Round Tables do you belong?

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT)

To which Ethnic Affiliates do you belong?

Were/are you a Spectrum Scholar?

No

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No

ALA and/or ALA-APA Activities:

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RRT News Committee (2018-Present) member; YALSA Awards Oversight Committee (2018-Present) member; ALSC Advocacy & Legislation Committee (2017-Present) member; GLBTRT News Committee (2017-2018) chair; YALSA Morris Book Award (2017-2018) member, GLBTRT Stonewall Adult Committee (2016-2017) member; GLBTRT Stonewall Youth Committee (2015-2016) member

Offices held in state/regional library associations, and other associations (include DATES):

None

Honors and Awards (library and non-library, including DATES):

None

Major Accomplishments:

Director - The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
Actor - Ragtime, Pippin, This Random World, Into the Woods
Magician - 28 years

Publication 1:

Author: "Tips to Ease a 'Terrifying' Congressional Visit," Children and Libraries, Volume 17, Number 4, Winter, 2019.

Publication 2:

Publication 3:

Links to further information:

shoejoel.weebly.com

Statement of Professional Concerns/Aspirations if Elected:

We're all concerned about seeing an increase in teenage participation in our library endeavors. In sharing that concern, I would like to participate in the good work already underway at YALSA so that I can assist in expanding the reach of the organization, especially to smaller, rural libraries where the need to serve teenagers is as great as in larger, urban areas yet often done with little to no resources in comparison.

Number of Years as an ALA Member:

7