Topic: Grants Update

Background: YALSA is administering three federal grant projects this fiscal year, including: Transforming Teen Services Through Continuing Education, Future Ready with the Library, and Transforming Teen Services through CE: A Train the Trainer Approach. Linda Braun has provided updates on these projects for the Board. Each project is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Action Required: Information

Transforming Teen Services Through CE, 2017 - 2018
www.ala.org/yalsa/national-forum-transforming-teen-services-through-continuing-education
On May 31 YALSA released the report, Transforming Library Services for and with Teens Through CE. The report is the outcome of a year of learning about the CE needs of library staff and state library agency staff. YALSA’s work in this area opened up communication and opportunities with state library youth services consultants and is one of the reasons why we are seeing an increase in requests for face-to-face institutes. State library agency youth services consultants provided feedback on the draft of the report and were consulted frequently during the project research and writing phases. (See the Future Directions section of this report for information how the project is having an impact on YALSA CE.)

Future Ready with the Library IMLS Project, 2016 - 2019
www.ala.org/yalsa/future-ready-library
The second cohort of the Future Ready with the Library project met in Denver just before the start of the 2018 Midwinter Meeting. 24 library staff are a part of this cohort and since meeting in Denver cohort members have been actively involved in working with their local communities to develop college career readiness services for middle schoolers. Cohort members meet monthly via Zoom and work with a coach as they work through various project activities and assignments.

The application period for the third, and final, cohort closed on May 15. A small committee is now reviewing those applications and will select members of the third and final cohort by June 15. The face-to-face meeting of the third cohort will take place just before YALSA’s Young Adult Services Symposium in Salt Lake City.

Transforming Teen Services: A Train the Trainer Approach, 2018 - 2021
www.ala.org/yalsa/train-trainer-project
In April YALSA received word that the association’s latest IMLS proposal was funded. This project, Transforming Teen Services a Train the Trainer approach, moves the work just completed with state library agencies forward. Over the next three years YALSA will work with state library agency staff
and front-line library staff to design and implement training related to computational thinking and connected learning. The work also continues to move forward the Libraries Ready to Code project that YALSA has been involved in with the ALA Washington Office and Google. The pilot train the trainer will take place in Chicago October 7-9 and will provide 4 to 6 state library agency staff and 4 to 6 front-line library staff with training. These pilot cohort members will then be required to train library staff in their state on connected learning and computational thinking.