



# Inclusive Teen Services: Selected Resources from YALSA

YALSA is a national association of librarians, library workers and advocates whose mission is to expand and strengthen library services for teens, aged 12-18. Through its member-driven advocacy, research, and professional development initiatives, YALSA builds the capacity of libraries and librarians to engage, serve and empower teens.

## Web Sites:

Homepage:  
[www.ala.org/yalsa](http://www.ala.org/yalsa)

YALSAblog:  
<http://yalsa.ala.org/blog>

Book Lists & Awards:  
[www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists)

Teen Read Week™:  
[www.ala.org/teenread](http://www.ala.org/teenread)

Teen Tech Week™:  
[www.ala.org/teentechweek](http://www.ala.org/teentechweek)

Wiki:  
<http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa>

YA Services Symposium  
[www.ala.org/yalsa/events](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/events)

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## Cultural Competence

Build your knowledge, skills and confidence with serving diverse teens through these resources and training opportunities  
<http://tinyurl.com/YAculturalcompetence>

## Diversity & Equity in Teen Services

Read these YALSAblog posts for news, information and resources to help you ensure the teen services in your library are fair, welcoming and inclusive <http://ow.ly/PFeA9>

## Funding

Teen Read Week and Summer Learning Resources grants, funded by Dollar General, are meant to help libraries provide services and collections to underserved teens, especially English Language Learners. [www.ala.org/yalsa/awardsandgrants/yalsaawardsgrants](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/awardsandgrants/yalsaawardsgrants)

## Identifying Underserved Teens in your Community

YALSA has compiled resources to help you map the teen populations in your community so you can identify any segments that may be underserved: <http://ow.ly/PFdFO>

## Multicultural Programming for Teens & Tweens

Use this book to find program ideas to use for and with the teens in your community <http://ow.ly/PFd8H>

## Scholarship

Each year YALSA provides funds for one individual interested in working in teen services or school libraries to receive a Spectrum Scholarship. Applications are accepted October to March each year. [www.ala.org/offices/diversity/spectrum](http://www.ala.org/offices/diversity/spectrum)

## Serving Diverse Teens

Find and share resources about serving diverse and potentially underserved teens on YALSA's wiki at <http://tinyurl.com/diverseYAservices>

## Teen Diversity Infographic

This visual, created by YALSA's Cultural Competence Taskforce, gives a quick overview of the demographics of today's teens: <http://ow.ly/PFdVn> (.pdf)

## Webinars

Access YALSA's on-demand webinars for topics such as serving LGBTQ teens, creating a welcoming library environment for teens on the autism spectrum and more. On-demand webinars are free to members and \$19 for others. <http://ow.ly/PFf7v>