

November 2021 YALSA Quarterly Chair Reports

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Group: Board Development Committee

Chair's Name: Todd Krueger

Board Liaison: Amanda Barnhart

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To develop in conjunction with the board activities and materials for: board orientation, ongoing board training, and annual board member self-assessments, board assessments, and board roles and responsibilities. To pay attention to board composition and needs and assess board effectiveness. To identify and cultivate members for leadership positions, and to annually develop a slate of candidates for board positions. When building the slate, seek out the most qualified individuals and provide for broad representation, as outlined in YALSA's Statement on Diversity. To educate members about governance and service on the YALSA Board, including conducting necessary outreach via an array of avenues to ensure diverse representation. To assist members in preparing for the election such as through a candidates' forum or candidate interviews. To review the process after each election and make recommendations for the next cycle.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The Committee completed the work by seating a slate for the 2022 Spring election

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Fund & Partner Development
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? After the Executive Committee approved the slate, Kelly announced it via the YALSA blog.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The information was shared via the YALSA blog

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Everyone participated and agreed to the slate as determined.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Kate Denier

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Group: Financial Advancement Committee

Chair's Name: Joel D Shoemaker

Board Liaison: Kate Denier

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Provide oversight and continued enhancement of the Friends of YALSA program, including promotion, fundraising and donor recognition. Work with the Board and staff year-round to create and implement virtual fundraising campaigns and fundraising efforts at conferences, aimed at both members and others, to support the \$19,595 worth of member scholarships and stipends YALSA gives out annually. Periodically review YALSA's Fundraising Toolkit and make updates, as needed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We ran a successful auction for the symposium and we are starting giving tuesday efforts!

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Fund & Partner Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Giving Tuesday and Year End Giving.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will continue a monthly blog post! Also, our events are often in the weekly newsletter for members.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Continue to promote giving!

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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**Group:** Research Journal Advisory Board

**Chair's Name:** Melanie Wachsmann

**Board Liaison:** Kate Denier

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Oversee the peer reviewing process as outlined in the Refereeing Process Guidelines as approved by the YALSA Board of Directors. The JRLYA Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Editor of the journal by assisting with the solicitation of contributors and articles as well as generating ideas for topical articles or themes, when requested from the Member Editor

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Continue reading and evaluating articles

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Continue to read and review articles

Discuss plans for a social media push to solicit submissions.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? N/A

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Traci Glass**

**Susannah Goldstein**

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**Group:** Book Awards Oversight Committee

**Chair's Name:** Kim Dare

**Board Liaison:** Susannah Goldstein

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To ensure efficient functioning of YALSA's award committees. To advise committee chairs on recommended procedures for committee operations based on a thorough knowledge of YALSA policy, committee operation, background, and experience. To collect, analyze and respond to quarterly chair reports. To summarize, analyze and evaluate periodically for the YALSA Board the progress and concerns of the award committees. To facilitate communication among award committees and to identify common areas of concern and identify solutions. To coordinate training and orientation for in-coming committee members. To note particular abilities of committee members in the work of the organization and to share this information with the Board and nominating committees. 5 to 7 virtual members, including the chair, as well as a designated liaison from the O&B Committee. Term commencing February 1 through January 31.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

We were in regular contact with the book award committee chairs to ensure smooth operations within the committees and provide support on eligibility questions.

We worked closely with the Morris Award Chair to resolve the issue of an unresponsive member. After numerous attempts at contact, Kelly notified the committee member in September that her membership term had ended. The Morris Award Chair decided that the committee would continue with its current members rather than trying to bring another member on that late in the year.

We hosted a Zoom meeting in November with all chairs, liaisons, Ninah Moore, and Carla Jamison to walk through what to expect to prepare for the virtual YMAS, and everybody's responsibilities.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Outreach/Collaboration other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? As award committees enter the final stretch of discussions to determine winners and honors in their categories, we will continue to be in regular contact with the chairs and with YALSA's program managers to help facilitate January's virtual Youth Media Awards presentation.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The oversight committee doesn't plan to share information directly with YALSA members, but will provide any necessary support in getting the word out about Nonfiction and Morris finalists in early December, and in building excitement for January's virtual YMAS.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? August's Strategic Plan and Mission Review meeting for chairs was helpful in meeting newer members of the YALSA staff and in deepening my understanding my understanding of YALSA's goals. Kelly and Susannah have been very responsive. Our recent Zoom meeting between award committee chairs, oversight liaisons, and Ninah and Carla provided the clarity everyone needed to determine next steps for a successful virtual YMA celebration.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: No participation concerns

Additional Concerns or Comments: No additional concerns

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Carrie Kausch**

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**Group:** Teen Civic Engagement

**Chair's Name:** Melissa Malanuk

**Board Liaison:** Carrie Kausch

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To create resources, training, and events that support members in centering engaging diverse teen voices and elevating the issues that are important to them; to highlight all aspects of civic engagement programming, with a special focus on teens being heard, counted, and active during elections; explore partnership opportunities with other ALA divisions or groups to develop trainings, toolkits, or other resources.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We are still working out the scope of the project we want take on. The committee has discussed creating a toolkit that aids library staff in engaging vote around voting/ registering to vote. My goal for this quarter is to scale this down to a specific focus such as civic engagement ant social media or a similar topic.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our plan is to scale down or original idea and to focus on a more specific. I believe that a tool kit is too big of a project for us to take on at the moment. I want us to focus in spreading the work around our chosen topic and creating a plan to do, ie blog posts, trainings, etc.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The goal is to share information on why it is important for you, including underage youth, to participate in elections and to provide resources supporting this and ideas on how to engage youth.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4

What can YALSA do to help your committee? We need to finalize our plan and then I will begin to reach out to other committees including the Hub, training, etc.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I have been dealing with a committee member who has not communicated with me since August. I have

emailed and left a phone message. My next step is to work with Kelly Czarneck to have a separation letter sent to the member.

Additional Concerns or Comments: We got off to a rocky start but I got some really good advice from Kelly and feel confident in the plan moving forward.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Dawn Kirkpatrick**

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**Group:** Social Media Marketing Committee

**Chair's Name:** Christine Pyles

**Board Liaison:** Dawn Kirkpatrick

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: This group will be responsible for using social media to widely market YALSA selection lists (Amazing Audiobooks, Best Fiction for Young Adults, Great Graphic Novels, and Quick Picks) for the current and previous years and the Teens' Top Ten list. The chair of the task force will work with the Manager of the HUB and the selection list coordinators in this endeavor. This is a year-long, virtual opportunity with the opportunity to renew for one year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The last three months involved a lot of onboarding. The previous group's term ended on 8/31. I did all of the scheduling after that date. In September, I received the roster information and met with co-Chair Aimee Haslam to come up with a plan for the group's work. On 10/3, we met with the group to go over expectations and assignments. Work started for this cohort on 10/18.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? In about one month, work will ebb due to the conclusion of this year's selected lists. We will spend the time tweeting information from the weekly e-News and regrouping to figure out a plan for next year. There will be new selected list chairs and we will need to get them on the same page.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will need to share news regarding the awards and honor recipients and information pertaining to LibLearnX. Tammy requested that we start using Facebook more -- it was a specific request from members so each news item will get one Facebook post each week.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4

What can YALSA do to help your committee? N/A

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None to date.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Elizabeth Molina**

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**Group:** Education Advisory Committee

**Chair's Name:** Sarah Amber Evans

**Board Liaison:** Libby Molina

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The role of the Education Advisory Committee is to assist with providing appropriate and timely topics for continuing education offerings to the Executive Director and Program Officer for Continuing Education and Development and to identify qualified individuals to facilitate continuing education sessions.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In collaboration with Carla Jamison, we have been maintaining our monthly webinar series. We also gathered some data on previous educational opportunities for members. We also served as the program jury for YALSA submissions for ALA AC 2022.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We need to continue to make sure we have monthly webinars. We also need to do some strategic planning and creation of tools for the next committee.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The webinars, which are advertised on the website and in newsletters.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Our board liaison is following up on our questions.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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**Group:** Selection List Oversight Committee

**Chair's Name:** Celeste Swanson

**Board Liaison:** Libby Amalia Molina

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To ensure efficient functioning of YALSA's selection list committees. To help interpret existing policy for committee operations based on a thorough knowledge of YALSA policy, committee operation, background, and experience. To collect, analyze and respond to quarterly chair reports. To summarize, analyze and evaluate periodically for the YALSA Board the progress and concerns of the selection list committees. To facilitate communication among selection list committees and to identify common areas of concern and identify solutions. To coordinate training and orientation for incoming committee members. To note particular abilities of committee members in the work of the organization and to share this information with the Board and nominating committees.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Erin Durrett, Tina Lerno, Jessica Hilbun Schwartz, and Rebecca Baldwin developed and led a session at the YALSA Symposium. They shared information about how to apply for a selection list blogging team

and what to expect when serving on a team. This was a great way to get the word out about these committees and I think more YALSA members will want to serve as a result.

Part of the work of this committee has been to develop a Manual for the Selection List Chairs. All of the committee members have been super engaged in this process. We will have a nice working draft to hand off to the next SLOC committee for finalization.

We have also been working with the Blogging Team Leads to update their policy and procedure documents. We plan to send two of these updated policies to the board for approval.

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- Advocacy
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our plan through November and December is to get things together to hand off to the next committee.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The first task of next year's committee will be to promote the lists.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments: One of the Blogging Team Leads suggested that the Top 10 Lists be shared during the Youth Media Awards. The blogging teams do the same amount of work as the award committees, so it would be nice if these lists could get some recognition during the awards.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Elizabeth Nebeker**

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**Group:** AASL/ALSC/YALSA School/Public Lib Coop. (Interdivisional)

**Chair's Name:** Jodi Silverman

**Board Liaison:** Elizabeth Nebeker

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To design and conduct a project of mutual interest and benefit to the three participating ALA Divisions, working from a platform identified by the AASL/ALSC/YALSA Presidents-Elect.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Our group met for the first time on October 28, 2021. A summary of the meeting:

- The group voted to convert the EDI resource repository into a single list with searchable keywords and establish resource update tools to maintain list accuracy and relevancy.

- If we are not assigned a new charge by the completion of the current charge, we will use the remainder of this charge year to evaluate and update the previous School-Pub toolkits.

- We, as a group, are creating one single blog post each month to share between the three divisional blogs. Members are volunteering to take on each month. The blog posts will be shared with the chair, who will distribute to them the divisional blog contacts.

- Next scheduled meeting: November 18, 2021 from 4-5 pm.

The group asked our Board Liaison to follow up on the following points: Does ALA need us to put our resource list in a certain format? How does ALA intend to host the resource list?

- Update on November 11 from Board Liaison: Board Liaison talked to YALSA President about where the document would live and her response suggests hosting on the Cooperative's Connect page. YALSA President will also check with ALSC and AASL as to recommendations on keeping the document updated.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

- Complete the previous year's charge. This includes reformatting of existing materials and updating them for accuracy and relevancy.
- Submit monthly blog posts to all three divisions.
- Evaluate existing AASL/ALSC/YALSA School/Public Lib Coop. (Interdivisional) toolkits for needed updates.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? - Our group intends to share updates as to the current charge and related EDI topics through blog posts.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3

What can YALSA do to help your committee? - Continue supporting us through communication.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

- There are some members that are on the committee roster that have not communicated and have had emails bounce back. This has been addressed by attempting alternate email addresses and emailing Letitia about updates to the roster.
- There are no official AASL representatives on the committee, although we do have members of AASL. I asked during the meeting that those members take a comprehensive approach when working on the committee so that AASL objectives are considered when we make decisions as a committee.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Not at this time.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Abigail Phillips**

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**Group:** Research Committee

**Chair's Name:** Wendy Stephens

**Board Liaison:** Abigail Phillips

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To stimulate, encourage, guide, and direct the research needs of the field of young adult library services, and to regularly compile abstracts, disseminate research findings, update YALSA's National Research Agenda as needed. The Chair of YALSA's Research Committee serves as YALSA's official liaison to ALA's Committee on Research & Statistics .

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have exchanged some introductory emails, but are still waiting on guidance from the board.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Leading the

Transformation of Teen Services

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We hope to have more clarity about how to proceed in advancing the YALSA research agenda.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We would be happy to share via any YALSA communication mechanism (email blast, blog, etc.).

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 4

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Some direction on our committee charge for this year would be welcome.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

**Stacey Shapiro**

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**Group:** Teens' Top Ten Committee

**Chair's Name:** Shira Pilarski

**Board Liaison:** Stacey Shapiro

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To facilitate the exchange of information and galleys of books published within the current and previous publishing years among the voting teen group members as well as the non-voting members; to annually prepare the "Teens' Top 10" list for Teen Read Week; and to coordinate the public electronic vote. To assist with the collection and vetting of applications from libraries who wish to host an official reading group.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Nothing, since we have not received any guidance about what we should be doing.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: N/A

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I'm not sure yet. Our staff liaison, Michael Serbekian, sent me a spreadsheet with the teen groups' galley reviews, but I'm not sure what to do with it.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? N/A -- once we have any information about what we can be doing, we are happy to do it. Then we can work on sharing news/information.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 5: Not Accomplished

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Is there anything we should be working on? Our group of volunteers would love to get started, but we're not sure how to proceed.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Valerie Tagoe

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**Group:** Symposium Planning and Marketing Taskforce

**Chair's Name:** Scot Smith

**Board Liaison:** Valerie Amele Tagoe

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To assist YALSA's Program Officer with the planning and marketing of the conference , including vetting papers and proposals, vetting scholarship applications, assisting the Program Officer with identifying authors and keynote speakers , and leveraging social media tools to promote the event and scholarship opportunities, and more. Members will regularly share content via social media and through their state and local networks to build excitement for and share information about the event. Members will work with YALSA's Communications Specialist to assist with the implementation of a marketing plan.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? After many changes and challenges, the Symposium was held in Reno on November 5-7 in three different formats...virtual, hybrid, and live. The taskforce & YALSA leadership had to deal with cancellations by confirmed authors and changes to the proposed sessions. All in all, we believe the symposium was a success. More than anything, it was great to spend time with other YA librarians and discuss the challenges that we are currently facing.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The term ends on November 30. We may review the evaluations from the symposium.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We have started to promote next year's symposium in Baltimore via social media.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Nothing at this point.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Two members of the task force seldom provided meaningful feedback or participated completely in the required tasks.

Additional Concerns or Comments: A special thanks to Carla Jamison, YALSA's new program officer. She worked so hard to make sure the symposium was a success.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

## BLOGGING TEAMS

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**Group:** Amazing Audiobooks

**Chair's Name:** Cathy Outten

**Board Liaison:**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select, annotate, and present for publication an annual list of notable audio recordings significant to young adults from those released in the past two years.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the last three months, our team has met three times via Zoom. We have communicated via Slack and email. We have listened to 33 titles and determined which should be nominated and which should be shelved, bringing the total of titles listened to to 180. Our blog posts have been published weekly on Wednesdays on the Hub. We have coordinated with the Social Media group to get our posts and other nominees shared on Twitter.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will finish listening, discussing, and writing about audiobooks and voting on our final nominations, as well as our top 10. We will prepare our final blog posts as well.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Our work will continue to be shared on The Hub weekly.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

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**Group:** Best Fiction for Young Adults

**Chair's Name:** Allie Stevens

**Liaison:** Sara Beth Coffman

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: YALSA's Best Fiction for Young Adults Blogging Team selects significant fiction books (not including graphic novels) published for young adults and annotates the selected titles.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the past 3 months, our team nominated over 40 more titles to the list. We created and published our fall round-up of annotations. We will be closing nominations for this year on November 14 at 11:59pm.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)  
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? In 2 days, our nomination period will officially end. Team members will have until 12/1 to finalize votes on initial nominations, and then they will have all of December to catch up on previous nominations. We will vote during the first 2 weeks of January for our final titles, submit the annotations to Ronny Khuri at Booklist for editing, and then submit to YALSA for release.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The final BFYA2022 list will be released during the winter ALA conference. It will be shared on the YALSA website, in a press release, and on social media.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well  
What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:  
Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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**Group:** Great Graphic Novels for Teens

**Chair's Name:** Crystal Chen

**Liaison(s):** Sara Beth Coffman, Oversight Committee (Tina Lerno, Erin Durrett)

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Great Graphic Novels for Teens is a list of recommended graphic novels and illustrated nonfiction for those ages 12-18, prepared yearly by YALSA. What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the last three months, the committee has read, evaluated, and nominated graphic novels submitted for consideration. In addition to compiling a list of nominees, the committee has met monthly to discuss nominated titles and provided The Hub with weekly blog posts.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The committee will read officially nominated titles, discuss, and engage in the final voting process. The committee will also work together to create annotations for the final bibliography. Blog posts will continue as well as the seasonal nomination roundups until the lists final release in January.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will continue to share information about nominated titles through The Hub blog posts.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? It will be helpful to receive a reminder as to when the final bibliography is due and a template if a press release is also required.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Everyone has been participating, communicating, and staying engaged.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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**Group:** Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers Blogging Team

**Chair's Name:** Molly Dettmann

**Liaison:** N/A

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To prepare an annual annotated list of recommended books appropriate for reluctant young adult readers. The list is for young adults (ages 12-18) who, for whatever reasons, do not like to read. The purpose of this list is to identify titles for recreational reading, not for curricular or remedial use.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have continued to nominate and read titles for the final list and publish blog posts for another 15 titles.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Outreach/Collaboration
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will be voting on the final QP 22 list and have our final meetings in November and December

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? None

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Nothing

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None

Additional Concerns or Comments: None

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

## SELECTION/AWARD COMMITTEES

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**Group:** ALEX Award Committee

**Chair's Name:** Michael Fleming

**Liaison:** Maryanne Olson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Can't find it now, sorry

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have been reading like crazy. We have met each month, narrowing down our list. We've been making comments on the books in our spreadsheets, so we can have a top 10 list in time. We have given deadlines for nominations and for end of reading. I called each person on the list, to check in with where they were in their reading. After the chair meeting in early November, I feel like I know even better what we are doing.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Can't really do those, as our list is secret.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Nominations done by the 15th of November, meetings right before Christmas to narrow down list. Drop dead date for reporting by Jan. 11th.

Annotations by Jan. 13th.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? None

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Nothing, we are cruising. It is helpful to have the new YALSA people emailing and checking in. They have been helpful.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None  
Additional Concerns or Comments: None

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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**Group:** Margaret A Edwards Award Committee

**Chair's Name:** Craig Santiago

**Liaison:** Kim Dare

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select a living author or co-author whose book or books, over a period of time, have been accepted by young people as an authentic voice that continues to illuminate their experiences and emotions, giving insight into their lives. The book or books should enable them to understand themselves, the world in which they live, and their relationship with others and with society.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

- Narrowing down our nominated authors to a top 5
- Reading the rest of the nominated titles within the top 5 authors
- Discussion and finalizing top 2 authors and their titles

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen ServicesKell

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Book award committee discussion.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

- Making our final decision for the winner and their titles
- Writing up a PR of the winner

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? -Will update committee on information shared at latest book award chair meeting.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? -Continue to support us by answering questions timely and being as friendly as possible.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: N/A  
Additional Concerns or Comments: N/A

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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**Group:** 2022 Morris Award

**Chair's Name:** Patty Gonzales Ramirez

**Liaison:** Ninah Moore

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best literary debut from authors writing for young adult readers, available in English in the United States during the preceding eligibility year, and, if warranted, to also select honor titles. the sort list of finalists will be announced during the first week of December, with the winning title announced at the following ALA Midwinter Conference/New January Event. The winner and honor authors will be recognized at an ALA or YALSA Conference.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have read over 146 books that were possible nominations and narrowed that group down to 42 books for consideration. At each monthly meeting we talk about upcoming titles and suggestions, podcasts, YA readers and possibilities for additional books to be added. Some questions that we have come across consistently are ("hybrid" publishing, books that are self-published and offered through a publishing house).

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to meet to discuss the remaining titles and come up with the final 5 titles. We will also prepare annotations and gather information to meet the deadlines that have been set by YALSA & YMA.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Continued updates on deadlines through email and Zoom in order to be best prepared for the YMA in January.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Emily Townsend and Kim Dare have been an incredible resource for this committee, we could not have done this without their guidance.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: We had one committee member who stopped participating in the committee and has since been removed.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None at this time. The committee may have some suggestions for our next report.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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**Group:** Nonfiction Award Committee

**Chair's Name:** Alicia Abdul

**Board Liaison:** Rachel Adams

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: YALSA's Award for Excellence in Nonfiction honors the best nonfiction book published for young adults (ages 12-18) during a Nov. 1 – Oct. 31 publishing year.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Narrowing down a list of finalists to be announced in December after discussing field and committee nominations.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Announcing the finalists, picking the winner, and enjoying the YMAS.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? YALSA communications with ALA.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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**Group:** Printz

**Chair's Name:** Janet W. Hilbun

**Liaison:** Ninah Moore

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select from the previous year's publications the best young adult book ("best" being defined solely in terms of literary merit) and, if the Committee so decides, as many as four Honor Books. The Committee will also have the opportunity for input into the oversight and planning of the Printz Awards Program. Committee size: 9, plus a consultant from the staff of Booklist, and an administrative assistant if requested.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Read, read, read. We meet monthly to discuss what we have read, nominated books. Next meeting on 11/15 will discuss when we want to meet to make final decisions and other information received from YALSA Award Committee chairs meeting on 11/9. We have decided on a cutoff point for nominations (although I am sure there will be at least one that comes after the date because we are still receiving books).

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: Since our work is confidential, really none of above.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Read, Read some more. Determine winner and honor books. We will meet in November and December for our monthly meetings, and then will have intensive sessions during the week of January 10.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Winner and Honor books via CMA and ALA publications.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

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Conflicting information on website needs to be addressed. From suggestion form page: Publishers, authors, agents, or editors may not suggest their own titles. Find tools for marketing your book at our Resources for Authors webpage. From Resources for Authors page: You may send your item to the persons who chair YALSA's award committees and request that they consider it for nomination for an award,

These two conflicting statements have caused a few issues. They have been resolved, but a clarification and removal of conflicting statements would have meant that it doesn't happen again. Have talked to Robert Bittner from Oversight Committee about this and he is also trying to address it.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: No issues.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Wish I could read faster!

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes