

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
ALA Annual Conference, Chicago  
June 23 – 27, 2017

**Topic:** *JRLYA* Editor report for Annual

**Background:** Denise Agosto, the Member Editor of *JRLYA*, has provided the Board with a semi-annual report. As editor, Denise works closely with the *JRLYA* Advisory Board. The journal is YALSA's peer-reviewed, open source research journal that launched in November 2010 as part of the Board's strategy for promoting research that supports YALSA's Research Agenda.

**Action Required:** Consent

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## Updates

### 1. Issues Published During the Reporting Period

During the six-month period reported here, the *JRLYA* editor and Advisory Board members solicited manuscripts for, peer reviewed, and oversaw the revisions for the papers for one issue. Volume 8, issue 1, is currently with the copy editor with an expected publication date of June of 2017. It will include three research papers dealing with the issue of teens, libraries, and social justice. The acceptance rate for submissions for this six-month period averaged 60% acceptance and 40% rejection, which is roughly what it has been over the past three years and is appropriate for this type of research journal.

### 2. Current Issues/Difficulties

As it has been in the past, finding enough research papers of publishable quality to fill issues continues to be a struggle. If we can find about six to eight good papers per year, we can continue to publish two issues per year, which is the goal, but it's difficult to find that many. We have had some success with circulating calls for submission to special themed issues alternating with calls for submission to general issues. Regardless, finding acceptable submissions continues to be our biggest challenge. I will continue to work with the Board to explore ways to bring in more high quality submissions.

## Statistics

Since Midwinter 2017, the *JRLYA* site has had 31,125 page views, with February being the peak month with 6,911 views. In 2016, the site recorded the most amount of views since its introduction in 2010 -- 74,526.

<b>Top Ten Most Viewed Articles in 2017</b>	
<b>Article Name</b>	<b>Page Views</b>
“Teens Today Don’t Read Books Anymore”: A Study of Differences in Interest and Comprehension Based on Reading Modalities: Part 1, Introduction and Methodology	10,443
The Impact of Social Media on Ghanaian Youth: A Case Study of the Nima and Maamobi Communities in Accra, Ghana	2,993
The Impact of Assigned Reading on Reading Pleasure in Young Adults	1,849
The School Library versus the School Board: An Exploration of the Book Banning Trend of the 1980s	1,056
Pushing the Envelope: Exploring Sexuality in Teen Literature	771
Radical Change Theory: Framework for Empowering Digital Youth	620
Young Adults’ Information Behavior: What We Know So Far and Where We Need to Go from Here	550
Media Literacy and Learning Commons in the Digital Age: Toward a Knowledge Model for Successful Integration into the 21st Century School Library	422
Book Tweets and Snappy Reads: Booktalking to Engage Millennial Teens	391
They Kind of Rely on the Library”: School Librarians Serving LGBT Students	375