

ALSC Research List -- compiled February to September 2013

Name of ALSC Committee or Task Force	What type of research would relate to and assist the work of your committee/task force and ultimately the implementation of the ALSC strategic plan?
Advocacy and Legislation	Longitudinal studies containing hard data on what difference we really make. Annual discussion noted that it would be helpful to have a compilation of research that is relevant, but is not pulled together in one place or published in a library journal.
Batchelder Award	Suggestions have been for research and publication in a journal on how to identify the finest, most readable and promote through programs translated children's books ! ith the increase in translated children's picture books, the selection of books in the original language and in the "nglish translation could promote the two languages in collaborative models using community members by participation in library programs.
Batchelder Award	#research on high \$uality translated children% books eligible for the Batchelder Award printed in the last & years would be useful. #research that highlights languages, publishers, genres and subjects could be useful for selection and presentations by librarians that could reach our increasingly diverse populations.
Belpr' Award	#research about Latino literature for children.
Budget	#review of how other divisional budget committees are organi(ed to consider if ALS)s is being as effective as possible in supporting all areas of the strategic plan.
)ildren and Libraries "ditorial Advisory)ommittee	*pdates on readership and subscriptions. +ata on makeup of current members in terms of type of population served.
)ildren and ,echnology	, here is continued debate in ALS) about screen time for young children. As our committee focuses on technology, any research on this topic would help in the writing and presenting we do. , his would inform our work to educate the membership about new technologies.
)ollection - anagement +iscussion . roup	#research that would be of most interest to our group would be research into changes in library materials budgets and trends in collection development as well as research into the circulation and use of technology in libraries.
+igital)ontent , ask /orce	#research on digital content and digital trends and its impact on youth services and libraries.
"arly)hildhood Orogams 1 Services	"ffects of media on young children 2case studies, balance of research perspectives, developmental issues related to media e3posure4. Longitudinal study on the impact of library early learning e3periences on student achievement and parent education.
"ducation)ommittee	! hat are the demographics of people taking the ALS) webinars and online courses5 Are they similar or different from the ALS) membership as a whole5 Any additional research about best practices in webinars would be beneficial.
. eisel Award	#research on how e6books and onscreen reading helps or hinders the emergent reader. +o children learn to read differently if they use "6books5
. eisel Award	7ngoing research on the reading process as well as the latest findings on those priorities that assist children in learning to read.
. eat ! ebsites for 8ids	! hat is the best practice for usability and design for children's websites that focus on how children search for information.
Library Service to Special Oopulation)hildren and their)aregivers	! hat training do librarians feel they need to receive to better serve and identify special populations in their community5

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<p>dominating</p>	<p>Research might be related to the number of ALSC members that serve on ALSC award committees only, process committees only, a combination of both award and process committees or no committees at all, as well as on committees of other divisions and organizations within ALA and state, national and international library organizations. As a means to diversify award committees and membership on the board, it might be useful to better understand why people choose to serve in these ways.</p>
<p>Children's Recordings</p>	<p>Information on the value of listening to audio books as a learning tool. Also, studies on the value of music to children.</p>
<p>Judy Schick Award Public Awareness</p>	<p>Research on the value of listening to audiobooks as a form of literacy training.</p>
<p>Public Awareness</p>	<p>What are the most successful forms of communication with public, not just librarians, regarding public awareness messaging? A collection of available listservs and messaging networks to which we can post for dissemination.</p>
<p>Public Awareness</p>	<p>Breakdown of state libraries who reach out to their public libraries and make them aware of the free resources available on the ALA website.</p>
<p>Scholarships - Elmer and Bound to Stay Bound</p>	<p>It would be great to follow up on the award winners at two points - first, after graduation to see where they end up working, and how they become involved in ALSC and again 5 years after graduation. Have we selected the strongest candidates? Are they moving into leadership roles in the field?</p>
<p>School Age Programs and Services</p>	<p>What are the needs of school aged kids? Are they using ebooks downloaded from libraries vs. purchasing via their readers. It seems more and more kids not willing to wait for a book to be returned.</p>