



2017 Midwinter Meeting, where a group of members were invited to create a literacies toolkit in one intensive day of work.

YALSA membership passed the following bylaw change in 2017--all book award committee positions will be appointed, instead of a mix of appointed and elected. This levels the playing field for members and creates just one path to serving on award committees.

The YALSA membership voted virtually on a new logo, to update the look of the organization. Members were given three options and this letterhead shows the winner!

### Book List Update

As part of the August 2016 board document “Recommendations for Transforming Remaining Work Groups,” a Selected List Transition taskforce was created to offer recommendations for transitioning selected lists to YALSA’s blog, [The Hub](#), in two phases: the first to take place in 2017 with Amazing Audiobooks (AA), Popular Paperbacks (PP) and Quick Picks (QP). Throughout the fall of 2016, the task force worked virtually to create a draft plan, shared the draft plan with members and gathered feedback during an online member chat in Nov., and then reworked the plan based on that feedback. The plan was then submitted back to the Leading the Transformation of Teen Services Board Standing Committee to ensure alignment with YALSA mission and Organizational Plan, and that the plan addressed the stated goals of the project:

- Provide more timely information
- Share information in an easier to use format
- Create new resources to meet the needs of today’s diverse teens
- Ensure the flexibility to embrace new formats as they emerge
- Include new and diverse voices in the process
- Create new resources for library staff beyond traditional collection development and readers’ advisory tools

At Midwinter in Atlanta, the board approved this [document](#) that moves the books lists to the Hub over two phases in 2017 and 2018. The lists aren’t going away, but instead of standing committees, the lists will be developed by teams of YALSA members working through The Hub. This allows for virtual participation as well as for sharing information in a more timely way. In February 2017, more than 60 YALSA members volunteered to serve on the Amazing Audios and Quick Picks Teams. Team members were trained by the Hub Manager, Molly Wetta, and the [new selected list process has already begun](#). The initial roll-out has taken longer than expected, but the Board is excited about the possibilities of quicker nominations for the lists and the virtual opportunities for members. The Board will evaluate the process before moving the other lists (Great Graphic Novels and BFYA) to The Hub in 2018.

### Teen Tech Week™ 2017







separated into three cohorts, over a three-year period. Learn more about the project [on our website](#).

#### IMLS Grant for National Forum on Transforming Teen Services Through CE project

YALSA, in partnership with the [Chief Officers of State Library Agencies \(COSLA\)](#), was awarded a grant in the amount of \$99,784 by the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) (IMLS). The grant funds will be used to host a National Forum on Transforming Teen Services Through Continuing Education, which will address the importance of prioritizing the role of continuing education in teen services and the need for State L

YALSA's Board directed the President to appoint a member taskforce to provide education, information and resources to members so they can connect with their Congress members when they are home in their district at various times during the year. District Days resources are freely available on [YALSA's wiki](#).

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers initiative

In March 2017 YALSA signed on to the Afterschool Alliance's letter of support to Congress outlining the importance of federal funds for out-of-school-time programs, and calling on Congress to continue to fund this important initiative.

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