

## YALSA Annual Report to ALA Council

support our relationship building efforts, we selected a member to serve as [liaison to A A groups](#) for a 12 month period. His person's role includes strengthening ties between YA !A and A A by sharing information between groups, representing YA !A's interests to A A, and seeking opportunities for collaboration. His position liaises with the following A A groups\$

- Advocacy Coordinating Group
- Education Assembly
- A A Accessibility Assembly
- Conference Program Coordinating Team
- Freedom to Read Foundation
- Intellectual Freedom Committee
- Legislation Assembly
- Literacy Assembly
- Professional Ethics Committee
- Website Advisory Committee

At the 2010 A A Annual Conference, YA !A Board voted to expand the Governance Nominating Committee into a Board Development Committee, to support the reorganization of YA !A in alignment with the new Organizational Plan. At the 2009 A A Winter Meeting, the Board reviewed and approved a proposal which provided a plan for transitioning to a Board Development Committee, and a directive was given to create a small, ad hoc workgroup to develop a manual for the Board Development Committee. The [manual](#) was approved by the Board at A A Winter 2012 and the committee has officially begun work.

YA !A's Board voted in 2009 to streamline member participation on award committees so that all positions were appointed, and put this measure on the ballot for a membership vote, which passed in April 2009. The 2012 ballot was the first year that the Edwards, Gonfick and Print Committees have not appeared on the ballot. These positions will instead be appointed during the regular committee appointments process in the fall of 2012.

At A A Annual 2009, the YA !A [Board](#) voted to transition Young Adult Library Services (YA !), the official Journal of YA !A, from a print and digital publication to a digital only publication. The first digital only issue was published in spring 2012. The shift continues to meet the needs of our members, and also provides a method for YA !A to gauge the impact of the Journal by capturing data about how many members open the Journal and which content they interact with most, and produces financial savings which contribute to the financial health of YA !A.

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and to be intentional in providing continuous learning experiences with and for all teens, YA !A's Board approved the [#osition #aper on 8ontinuous . een !ervices](#).

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20 % # ( On 7ay )%st YA !A released a [report](#) as the culmination of our yearllong =7 ! funded pro4ect, Transforming Library Services for and with Teens through Continuing !ducation. . he report outlines priorities in continuing education in serving teens through libraries as well as recommended models for 8+ and steps various stakeholders can take to support quality 8+.

30 ) A group of members gathered at a 5esource 5etreat to create a [. een iteracies .oolkit](#), which was published in August (/9. . he toolkit provides information, resources, and strategies front line library staff can use to help teens build critical literacies skills and uses the Gfake newsH phenomenon as a framework.

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iversity. Askforce completed its work in Spring 2012 and the Chair, Nicole Book, submitted their [report](#) for the Board's consideration. The Board is in the process of reviewing, discussing, and prioritizing [their recommendations](#). A number of Board documents are being prepared for discussion at the Annual Meeting.

Since 2009 YALSA has sponsored one spectrum scholar per year, and in 2010 increased that number moving forward to two per year. At Midwinter 2012, the Board explored tangible steps for how to best get these scholars more involved in YALSA's activities and in taking leadership roles in the field. The document which guided the Board's discussion can be found [here](#).

YALSA, AALA and YALSA

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### Leadership

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This year's Teen Tech Week theme, libraries are for creating, encouraged teens to take advantage of all the great digital tools offered through the library to become content creators, and to leverage library resources to share out their creations, whether they be podcasts, videos, apps, games, wearable tech, or some other fabulous invention or creation.

### Teen Read Week

YALSA celebrated Teen Tech Week October 22-28, 2019. YALSA encouraged libraries to connect with teens around the theme: Unleash Your Story; during Teen Tech Week. Library staff, afterschool providers, and educators were encouraged to leverage this theme to encourage teens to write, tell and share their own stories as well as find stories, biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, folktales, and more in their local library. Teen Tech Week is generously supported in part by the National Literacy Foundation.







## Partnerships to Expand Impact

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YALSA is currently partnering with these other organizations on projects funded by:

- the University of Maryland's Youth + Experience, which is a post-17 certificate program for library staff interested in serving youth
- the Public Library Association is implementing an internship program for teens as part of an effort to recruit individuals from diverse backgrounds to the profession
- the Mozilla Foundation is working to equip more library staff with evidence-based

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