

**Josie Andrews**

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**Group:** Teen Civic Engagement Committee

**Chair's Name:** Rachel McDonald

**Board Liaison:** Josie Laine Andrews

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,

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. Size: 5-7 virtual members, who have governance experience, including the chair. At least one member will have served on a recent Board Development Committee, and no more than two may be current members of the Board. Term: January 1 through December 31.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We developed a strategy of contacting folks to run for the 2023 YALSA election slate. Our own networks to reaching out to YALSA sponsored Emerging Leaders, Spectrum Scholars, current committee chairs, attendees at previous Board meetings and those on a spreadsheet that have expressed interest in the past or attended YALSA 301. We also discussed ideas for Board training particularly around EDI. Any articles, videos, or other training tools we come across to share.

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)
- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our last meeting is scheduled in December to touch base. Our term ends at the end of that month. We'll get together one last time to discuss any further developments of the slate (though our deadline for a completed slate is Nov 1) and additional ideas for training.

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 YALSA President has been shared the finalized slate and that will be shared with the members via Connect, the blog, and other social media tools.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? It would be helpful to have had more feedback from the Board that they were reaching out to their networks to help develop the slate.

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

Additional Concerns or Comments: Unfortunately we were unable to develop a full slate for all the positions needed.

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:** Gail Tobin

**Board Liaison:** Fiscal Officer - 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 have collected donations for the Silent Auction, vetted a different auction bidding platform (BiddingOwl), and reviewed

promotional ads. A new committee member was also added.

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

- Advocacy
- 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)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue meeting regularly to work on the silent auction and work on promotion as well as encourage donations for Giving Tuesday.

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? Blog articles to encourage donations for Giving Tuesday and FOY

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

**Susannah**

What can YALSA do to help your committee? As always, we appreciate the prompt responses from YALSA admin as we figure out the specifics of YMA procedures and other end-of-the-year tasks. Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None to note.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

**Matthew Layne**

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**Group:** Selection List Oversight Committee

**Chair's Name:** Erin Durrett

**Board Liaison:** Matthew Layne

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 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.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? My group did not collaboratively work on any of our assignments. I did send out emails to the Selection List Chairs and answered several end of year type questions for them. We decided on November 1st as a date to close field nominations, as the committees can't accommodate requests after that date. The selection list chairs asked for me to have their links taken down in the meantime.

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

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continue on, to make sure the Selection List Guide is complete.

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

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**Group:** Teen Top Teen

**Chair's Name:** Kathy Dejnowski

**Board Liaison:** Matthew Layne/Carla Jamison

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: I'm not sure. I was never given the Task Force Function statement with my roster.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have been working on getting the voting done for the Teen Top 10 and getting them published on the website. We have been constant contact with Carla Jamison, our liaison, and the previous chair, Shira Pilarski for advice on when and what needs to be done. I have contacted the committee members to let them know that it will be a bit before we officially meet to go through the book choices and to keep them updated on the progress.

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.: Outreach/Collaboration other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our working plan for the next three months is to gather the information for the reading groups and send the publisher representatives the new addresses and have them remove the old one. Review the Committee review spreadsheets, have the committee keep a running tally of books nominated for the Teen Top Ten Award, collate the reviews by the publisher and



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?

Graphic Novels, Quick Picks, and others) for the current and previous years, and the Teens' Top Ten list, member recognition of volunteer efforts, and support for the YALSA Symposium and the Youth Media Awards events. The chair of the task force will work with the chair of the HUB and the selection list coordinators in this endeavor. This is a year-long, virtual opportunity with the option to renew for one year. Task force size: 5-7 members virtual members, including two co-chairs on a rotational basis. Term: One year, July 1-June 30 (chair-two years).

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the past three months, we have regained use of our Facebook page and are now posting regularly about the selection lists and the e-news on Twitter and Facebook. Our social media engagement has increased according to Hootsuite, and we shared the teen's top ten.

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.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? In the next three months, we will continue using social media to share the e-news and selected lists on Facebook and Twitter.

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 share information that the other committees share with us and so whatever we are asked to post about, we will.

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Franklin would love us to post on Instagram as well, which we would be happy to do. However, we do not have access to the Instagram account.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I did receive my roster in the past couple of months and I was able to reach two willing members to help. The third I have not gotten in contact with them, but the selected list groups are not all regularly posting so that has been okay. I now have active participation from two members when previously, I was running the committee myself and that has been great.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

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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 short 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? The committee has been busy reading, evaluating and finalizing nominations.

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.: Outreach/Collaboration  
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Complete shortlist of Morris finalists and select debut winner, attend LibLearnX and celebrate the honorees and our work!

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 work with YALSA staff and ALA PR on announcing shortlist of Morris finalists and winners and promote Morris Award ceremony!

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

What can YALSA do to help your committee? It would be great if the Morris manual could be updated to reflect that in-person attendance/meetings are no longer mandatory, as well as clarity around when the Morris Award Ceremony is so that committee members can make appropriate travel plans.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: A few committee members have missed 1 meeting each, most have attended all meetings.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

We are doing our best, but the pandemic and staffing shortages, as well as differing time zones and availability continue to impact how often we are able to meet as a committee and how much time our members are able to dedicate to committee work.

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

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**Group:** Non-Fiction for Teens Book Award

**Chair's Name:** Allison Gray

**Board Liaison:** Allie Stevens

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best nonfiction title published for young adults between Nov. 1 and Oct. 31 of the current year, available in English in the United States and, if desired, to also select honor titles. The short list of finalists will be announced during the first week of December, with the winning title announced at the following ALA Midwinter Meeting. The winners 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 met monthly and as of September bi-monthly, to discuss nominated titles. November 10 is the due date for the last of the two top 3 nominations from

each member. This will give us, when combined with the earlier Top 3, our discussion list for the prize. Members have been reading as much as possible and at least trying to keep up with the recommended titles.

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.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

other:

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

Our discussions on the 2nd Top 3 nominated list are on November 15. On Nov. 23, we discuss our entire

Recommended List and send them to YALSA by mid-January. we also vote until we get the winning title from our Top 5 List.

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 write press release for top 5 titles as per YALSA. will do social media blasts as well.

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.:

YALSA should let future members know that they will be making a commitment to do a good amount of reading. Several of our members started behind and never caught up. They just said they didn't have time to read. i tried to do whatever I could to help everyone at least read the nominated titles. Wasn't judgmental.

just encouraging and cheerleading.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

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

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**Group:** Odyssey

**Chair's Name:** Lynda Ane Salem Poling

**Board Liaison:** Susannah Goldstein

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best audiobooks produced for children (0-14) and young adults (12-18) available in English in the United States during the preceding eligibility year and, if warranted, to also select honor titles. One winner may be selected for each age category with a single honor list comprised of titles for both age categories. An audiobook is defined as a recording of a reading of a book. Audiobooks are unabridged recordings of an original print source that is available for institutional purchase. Audiobooks from Graphic novels should acknowledge 14reW\* n-4(udi)5(obooks a)15(r

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honors under each of these categories each year.

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

Continued to read books sent to committee members for the Pura Belpre Awards.

All committee members registered for the ALA LLX 2023 Conference.

October ballot selections sent to ALSC and YALSA Executive Directors at the end of October.

Next ballot selections are scheduled for late December.

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## Blogging Teams

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**Group:** Great Graphic Novels for Teens

**Chair's Name:** Kelley Blue

**Board Liaison:**

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To prepare an annual annotated list of recommended graphic novels appropriate for teen readers.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We continued to meet monthly to discuss titles officially nominated and seconded. Committee members continued to read, nominate, second, and otherwise review eligible titles. Members continued to regularly submit blog posts as scheduled by YALSA. The chair continued to manage workflow and coordinate blog and social media posts as directed. The chair checked in with committee members at least once a week via [www.portlib.org](https://www.portlib.org) and answered additional questions from members and publishers as they came in. We agreed to our meeting dates for the rest of the calendar year in order to successfully vote on a final list and top ten selection by the end of the calendar year.

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- 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)
- Outreach/Collaboration

other: Many of our members are struggling with material challenges and other current issues related to library work. We support each other as a group, discuss best practices, and help one another advocate for graphic novels in schools and libraries.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? All remaining blog posts are scheduled and assigned. We have one final meeting in November to discuss nominated titles, then we will meet twice in December to vote on the general list and the top ten. The nomination form for Great Graphic Novels is now closed. Members are focused on catching up with previously nominated titles they have not read in order to prepare themselves for voting. Subsequent volumes in ongoing series will be available in the next few months.

haven't had any major issues. Folks communicate on the rare occasion that they won't be able to make discussions and understand that they need to keep up with their notes on nominated titles if they are unable to make a meeting. I have one member who has recently dropped off all communication and hasn't done any of the reading this month; I will check in with them this week via email.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Per the question below. - I last communicated with my board liaison on June 17, 2022. She wasn't aware that she was my board liaison - another reason why I think we need to share an org chart and maybe role descriptions. I haven't contacted her for any help recently - are we supposed to communicate on a regular basis?

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