

YALSA President's Report
Kelly Czarnecki, President, 2021-2022

Mission: Through networking, advocacy, and professional development, the Young Adult Library Services Association empowers all those involved in the profession to provide equitable, diverse and inclusive teen services.

Vision: Our vision is that all teens, from a variety of backgrounds including, but not limited to ability, class, gender-

opportunity has opened several doors, mainly that I've been able to connect with other Spectrum Scholars and that I've been able to have the financial burdens taken off of me. When I receive my MLIS degree this Fall, I anticipate that I'll be able to become a Teen Librarian come 2023. I have no doubts about it. We cannot say "Libraries are for Everyone" without making an intentional effort to make our spaces, services, and programs equitable, diverse, accessible, and inclusive for all -- in person and online.

The School/Public Library Joint Committee with AASL/ALSC/YALSA finished their charge that was given in 2021 of creating an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Resource. It is anticipated to be posted on the YALSA blog and shared on the ALA Connect page of YALSA members.

The Evaluating Volunteer Resources Taskforce went through two Chairs that resigned before a third, Dora Ho, was appointed, and led the helm for the group to get their work done. They focused on rewriting the charge for the book selection committees and recommending standardized training, increasing recruitment efforts, and a more clearly defined Hub Manager job description. This will be in a Board document presented during Annual 2022.

Young Adult Services Symposium

The 2021 Hybrid Symposium was held in person at The Row in Reno, NV as well as virtually. There were 446 total attendees. There were a reduced number of in-person programs to accommodate for the lower attendance. Everyone who registered for the 2021 Hybrid Symposium received access to all the sessions on the virtual platform.

Virtual Book Award Ceremonies

YALSA honored their book award winners virtually;
Non-Fiction Winner and Honors, Thursday, February 24
Non-Fiction List
Morris Award Finalists, Tuesday, February 8

Book Award Ceremonies in-person

Printz, Friday, June 24
Odyssey Award, Monday June 27

Teen Tober

Member Grants, Awards, and Scholarships