

**2006 Annual Conference
New Orleans, LA
June 22-28, 2006**

Topic: Teen Summit

Background: There seems to be an increased desire from the members for YALSA to offer more programs that include teen participation and/or have a teen focus. This idea may help further the ideals put forward in YALSA's National Youth Participation Guidelines. The focus of a Teen Summit would be to further the purpose of the Guidelines, which is to "solicit the input of young adults and promote their participation in the creation and development of library activities, programs and publications, thus insuring the relevance of these products and services to the population we serve."

Action Required: Discussion

What a Teen Summit May Look Like:

- It would be one funded by programs for teens preferably TAGS groups at either Annual or Midwinter. It could be yearly event or held less often depending on interest.
- Teens would be charged no fee not the regular ALA conference rate to attend.
- Any teen from any part of the country would be able to attend. Current youth most teens participating in conferences are doing so at the BBYA session and there are more teens volunteering than there are spots available in the session. A Teen Summit would provide another appropriate place for teens at conferences and devote the BBYA program.
- Programs would focus on providing information and their teen groups with the tools they need to improve their library services and resources to teens.

YALSA Handbook

National Youth Participation Guidelines

DEFINITION Involvement of young adults ages 12 through 19 in responsible and significant services for their peers and the community.

INTRODUCTION Although the concept of youth participation is neither foreign nor new, the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) recognizes the need for further work to facilitate the process of having young adults ages 12 through 19 participate in many American Library Association activities throughout the nation every day.

Each committee or program chair is responsible for assessing the potential for the involvement of young adults setting parameters for participation that specify objectives and outcomes and providing guidance to each committee and young adult input. Neither committee decisions nor

program content is developed solely on young adult input but through collaboration of professional knowledge and youth participation.

PURPOSE To solicit the input of young adults and promote their participation in the creation and development of library activities programs and publications thus insuring the relevance of these products and services to the population we serve.

GOALS

- To organize and implement youth participation to support division and committee goals
- To collect wide range of ideas from diverse young adult populations possible
- To create valuable experiences for the participating young adults in which they can gain in knowledge and or skills useful in future endeavors
- To find opportunities for collaboration with other