

**YALSA Board Meeting  
2006 Annual Conference  
New Orleans, LA**

- Topic:** Reports from YALSA Committee Chairs and Liaisons
- Background:** YALSA chairs and representatives to ALA committees report to the Board on activities which took place since the Midwinter Meeting.
- Action Required:** Discussion/Decision
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COMMITTEE NAME = 50th Anniversary Celebration Task Force

CHAIR = Mary Arnold, Penny Jeffrey, Ma'lis Wendt

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To develop an overall theme and to work with YALSA committees and the YALSA office to coordinate, plan and carry out a year-long celebration of YALSA's 50th Anniversary. Planning will commence immediately and additional planning and promotion will take place during 2006 with celebrations to be held throughout 2007, including activities at Midwinter and Annual. Progress reports are expected to be submitted to the Board at each of their official meetings, beginning Midwinter 2006.

ACCOMPLISHED = The Task Force has begun working on a number of areas:

1. 50th Anniversary seals created for annual 2006 booth by the YALSA Office
2. Updates begun on YALSA blog--we'll get volunteers from the group to post something new and/or respond to posts with information about YALSA resources
3. Allerton Institute in Illinois fall 2007/ spring 2008; 50 Years of Teens and Teen Service in Libraries; call for scholarly papers and programs that highlight the focus on adolescence as a distinct time of life; practitioners, authors, etc. Aimed at reaching colleagues beyond the library world. Cindy Welch coordinating; short list of names to contact for a work group on this project

4. Publications Committee: 50 Programming Ideas for Teens & Tweens-- possible editors: Kirsten Edwards; Kevin King
5. American Libraries cover article in 2007 (thanks to Beth Yoke!)
6. NCTE/ALAN conference in November, 2006; -- YALSA members will wear seals on name badges, YALSA materials will be distributed; YALSA members will submit program proposals for NCTE conference and ALAN workshop for 2007--perhaps Power Up with Print?
7. Work with TAGS group to have teens design a 50th anniversary logo/T shirt to sell--use as giveaways for Teen Top Ten -- This idea is being researched by Nicole Gilbert. It's probably impractical --so we'll go with the logo on the Anniversary Seals to be distributed at Annual 2006.

Midwinter 2007

YALSA will host the Joint Youth Division Reception. We are looking for a sponsor to make the evening especially festive. One idea is to highlight the 50 authors who have received the Edwards and Printz awards.

Annual Conference 2007

Judy's President's Program will tie in YALSA's history and impact during each decade of teen service

50th Anniversary Party -- still looking at Monday evening preceding the Printz reception

First Amendment/Teens program: possible pre-conference or as the Youth Division IF program on Monday

Research Committee program: a look back at issues that inspired current YA services and futuring for the next 50 years

Awards Luncheon-- have special birthday cupcakes with candles for dessert/brief Power Point that highlights YALSA's innovations and impact as guests settle in

ALA Public Programs: will devote one stage to YA authors (thanks to Beth again!)

TERM WORK = nothing yet -- but we will have more information after Annual Conference

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, association sustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Other Youth Divisions and organizations. YALSA Past President

CONCERNS =

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COMMITTEE NAME = YA Advocacy Task Force

CHAIR = Charli Osborne

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To help plan and carry out YALSA's upcoming " @ your library campaign, " which will be launched in 2007, and in conjunction with the national campaign to educate and inform the general public about the vital role libraries and librarians play in youth development and teen literacy, and to provide YALSA members and library staff with tools and resources to do the same in their communities.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1. We added a new member to our Task Force, Jennifer Dewsnap.  
2. Ma lis Wendt and Kelley Worman completed a tentative survey for YALSA members.  
3. Charli Osborne wrote an article for the Summer Issue of YALS, incorporating responses from the informal survey about the value of service to and for teens (sent to several electronic listservs), but it was pushed until the Fall Issue.  
4. We are posting our documentation and learning how to use the discussion forums on the online community.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Teenagers, Parents, Educators, Media, Professional Colleagues, AASL, ALSC, PLA and other youth organizations

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, parents, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = It would be good to have a more in-depth training of how to use the online community to our best advantage. I'm also concerned that we aren't moving fast enough to meet the timeline that was set.

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COMMITTEE NAME = Alex Awards

CHAIR = Terry Beck



STRATEGIES OUTREACH = In conjunction with the Reading with Your Ears Preconference, Selected Audiobooks members can work to promote the use of audiobooks not only for enjoyment, but also as a means to achieving and enhancing literacy skills. Members can especially work with school partners to share the research available on linking audiobooks and literacy, can advocate for teens to be able to listen to young adult literature, can suggest appropriate methods of marketing audiobooks in schools and public libraries, and can stress the continuous learning that listening provides to teens as well as to the adults who serve them.

STRATEGIES OTHER = Francisca Goldsmith, Board Liaison to Selected Audiobooks, and I have discussed the possibility of an online course or publication to promote audiobooks and to instruct others in the evaluation of audiobooks for teens.

PARTNERS

ACTION AREA = marketing, continuous learning

STRATEGIES = outreach, collaboration

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

CONCERNS = We think our document is solid and should be approved. Though we'd love to see an award given in 2007, it may not be possible until 2008 [for 2007 titles].

This has been a great collaborative effort between ALA divisions and audiobook producers.

COMMITTEE NAME = Best Books for Young Adults

CHAIR = Karyn Silverman

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = Charge: To select from the year's publications, significant adult and young adult books; to annotate the selected titles.

ACCOMPLISHED = As of 5/15, 102 books had been nominated for discussion at Annual. The nomination list includes nonfiction, adult and young adult titles, poetry, graphic novels, and fiction in a variety of genres. Committee members have discussed the concept of a "best book" through online dialogue and have discussed the charge and methods of fulfilling the charge in some detail. One straw poll has been completed electronically.

TERM WORK = N/A until after MidWinter

ACTION AREA = marketing, continuous learning

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Teens, educators, other librarians.

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, colleagues

CONCERNS = One committee member resigned unexpectedly for health reasons a few weeks after the year began. However, it was early enough to have a relatively small impact on overall committee work and a new member was appointed and has settled in with no difficulties. This year, there was a high turnover of committee members, and half of the committee comprises first year members.

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COMMITTEE NAME = Communications Task Force

CHAIR = C. Allen Nichols

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = Review all aspects of YALSA's communications efforts and present a formal communications plan at Annual 2006. The work of the Committee should also include the following:

- a review of YALSA discussion lists and determine if they should be a member benefit and integrated into ALA's Online Communities
- the development of a framework that allows YALSA to immediately employ new technologies for its communications efforts (Podcasting, blogs, RSS feeds, etc.)

ACCOMPLISHED = Since Midwinter, the Task Force completed the recommended plan and submitted it for approval. The appendices are being emailed today. This will complete the work of the Task Force.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, research, continuous learning ,  
associationsustainability

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conferenceprogram, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, parents, colleagues, youth development  
organizations

CONCERNS =

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COMMITTEE NAME = YALSA Division and Membership Promotion Committee

CHAIR = Anne Heidemann

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To develop and pursue an aggressive and continuous campaign to recruit and retain members for the Young Adults Library Services Association, to promote the Association to our professional colleagues and to key partners as defined in the YALSA Strategic Plan, and to select annually two librarians (one from a school, one from a public library) who work directly with young adults to receive the Baker & Taylor/YALSA Conference Grant.

ACCOMPLISHED = Committee members promoted the Baker & Taylor Award at the local and national level. Reminders were posted to a variety of listservs and committee members made information available at local and regional professional organizations, library schools, and conferences. An online survey was completed by participants in the YALSA Mentoring program and the Committee has begun to review the results. Discussion and planning for the future will take place at ALA Annual Meeting in June. The first-ever YALSA 101 Program was planned and will take place at ALA Annual Meeting on June 23, 2006.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, association sustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach, conference program

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = YALSA members, especially those who identify as Students. Non-YALSA members, with the concept that everyone serves teens and should be a YALSA member, not just those who have teen or youth in their job title.

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS = There has been significant turnover in the committee roster. The committee feels that increased consistency and/or carryover would help the committee be more effective.

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COMMITTEE NAME = Editorial Advisory Board

CHAIR = Carol Marlowe

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To serve as advisor to the editors of YALS and YAttitudes on the content of the journal and newsletter by assisting with soliciting contributors and articles and generating ideas for topical or theme issues when requested from the editor(s), and by reviewing scholarly submissions to the publications

ACCOMPLISHED = The EAB continues to discuss possible topics for YAttitudes and YALS. We were requested by the editors of these journals to submit ideas for an issue on reader's advisory for teens and for articles relating to Teen Read Week

Having introduced ourselves and the purpose of the EAB to other committees during the midwinter conference has promoted awareness of EAB and I feel has helped generate topics for articles plus possibly a willingness to write articles, when requested by the editors of the journals.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, research, association sustainability

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = YALSA Financial Advancement Task Force

CHAIR = Mary Arnold

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = Offer support and assistance to YALSA's fiscal officer as requested; may include attending BARC meetings as appropriate; oversee implementation of Friends of YALSA, including development of a record of 6888 0 Td (,)Tj 3.00569 0 Td 9H 3.368 0 Td (t)Tj

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, media, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = Chair & Margaret A. Edwards 2006 commitment requires her to leave All Committee by 11 a.m., limiting time at initial meeting; Chair/member to meet with Fiscal Officer prior to Sunday BARC meeting; will establish action step outline for members with target dates for Friend of YALSA support activities in charge

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COMMITTEE NAME = First Author Task Force

CHAIR = Ann C. Theis

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = Function statement: To develop the policies and procedures for a new YALSA committee that will annually select a First Time YA Author Award that will be funded by the Morris endowment and offered for the first time in 2008; to develop criteria for the First Time YA Author Award; to create a proposal according to the ALA Awards Manual guidelines for the new award for YALSA Board & consideration; and to submit the proposal no later than Midwinter 2007, with a progress report at Annual 2006.

Task Force size: 5-7 members

Timeline: for a 1-year term to begin approximately 3/7/2006 and end approximately 6/30/2007

ACCOMPLISHED = Committee communication established in preparation for Annual Meeting

YALSA First Time Author Award Task Force

- To develop the policies and procedures for a new YALSA committee that will annually select a First Time YA Author Award that will be funded by the Morris endowment and offered for the first time in 2008.
- To develop criteria for the First Time YA Author Award.
- To create a proposal according to the ALA Awards Manual guidelines for the new award for YALSA Board's consideration, and submit it no later than Midwinter 2007, with a progress report at Annual 2006.
- The ALA Awards Manual is online at:  
[www.ala.org/ala/governance/recognition/AwardsManual.pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/governance/recognition/AwardsManual.pdf). See page 15 for the format for preparing an award proposal



the committee members has been very good, and communication is great. I feel the committee is off to a very strong start, and will produce a superb list of books.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

PARTNERS = teenagers, media, colleagues

CONCERNS = No concerns at this time, aside from trying to get the procedures finalized. For future new committees, it would be useful if the YALSA offices could develop a set of guidelines and deadlines for starting a committee.

COMMITTEE NAME = YALSA Intellectual Freedom Committee

CHAIR = Barb Conkin

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To serve as a liaison between the YALSA and the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee and all other groups within the Association concerned with intellectual freedom.

To advise the YALSA on matters pertaining to the First Amendment of the U. S. Constitution and the ALA Library Bill of Rights and their implications to library service to young adults and to make recommendations to the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee for changes in policy on issues involving library service to young adults.

5. Offered to help write article on intellectual freedom for YALS.

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STRATEGIES OTHER = Blog posts

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Local Arrangements

CHAIR = Terry Young

EMAIL = bestman@att.net

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To handle YALSA local arrangements for the ALA Annual Conference, in close cooperation with the division president and YALSA office staff.

ACCOMPLISHED = Committee met in New Orleans on March 11, 2006 to go over committee charge and to assign members to YALSA functions.

Graduate students from LSU's School of Library and Information Science have been paired up with cmte members to assist and learn about YALSA and ALA.

Reported to Nicole in YALSA office re -

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To select a living author or co-author whose book or books, over a period of time, have been accepted by young people as an authentic voice that continues to illuminate their experiences and emotions, giving insights into their lives. The book or books should enable them to understand themselves, the world in which they live, and their relationship with others and with society.

ACCOMPLISHED = The Committee has been researching authors and reading books meeting committee selection criteria. The authors and books have been discussed through email and through blogging. A comprehensive author and title list has been created.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, continuous learning

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = None at this point.

COMMITTEE NAME = YALSA Midwinter Institute Taskforce

CHAIR = Carrie Bryniak

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To plan and implement an Institute at ALA § 2-(t) 3.36638 0dET-0.0569) N5K9





include the immediate Past president and another member appointed by the President Elect. Past President David Mowry and YALSA member Susan Velfort were added to the committee, bringing the total number to five.

TERM WORK = N/A

ACTION AREA = advocacy, association sustainability

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS =

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COMMITTEE NAME = O&B

CHAIR = Stacy Creel-Chavez

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To revise the Bylaws in order to clarify them and, when necessary, to recommend revision and amendment to improve them for the effective management of the Division, for the achievement of its state objectives, and to keep them in harmony with the ALA Constitution and Bylaws.

To study and review committee functions, recommending changes in committee structure, to advise on the organization manual, and to make recommendations on other organizational matters.

ACCOMPLISHED = - Submitted the Conflict of Interest Policy for YALSA

- Tweaked the Draft Charges for Groups Established at MW06 including: Website Advisory Committee, Young Adult Literature Symposium Taskforce, First Time YA Author Award Taskforce, SUS Evaluation Taskforce, and Virtual Regional Advisory Board

- Finalized the Selected DVDs & Videos Committee Evaluation Taskforce and 2007 Midwinter Institute Taskforce

- Began working on the policy & procedures for the GGNT

TERM WORK =

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

CONCERNS =

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COMMITTEE NAME = Outreach to Young Adults with Special Needs

CHAIR = Kristin Fletcher-Spear

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To address the needs of young adults who do not or cannot use the library because of socioeconomic, legal, educational, or physical factors; to serve as a liaison between these groups and their service providers, and to identify and promote library programs, resources and services that meet the special needs of these populations; to promote the Sagebrush Award for a Young Adult Reading or Literature Program and solicit applications; and to select annually, when a suitable winner is indicated, the recipient.

ACCOMPLISHED = We finished up any loose ends for the Great Stories Club.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = conference program

STRATEGIES OTHER = We're waiting to see if the program proposal on the Great Stories Club was accepted. We think it was, but the programming committee is double checking for me.

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, colleagues

CONCERNS = None at this time. I have connected with the incoming chair and will pass on the committee chair handbook that I put together.

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COMMITTEE NAME = Partnerships Advocating for Teens

CHAIR = Sandra Payne

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books have been nominated to the list. We have had numerous online discussions about what sort of books qualify, how to organize our reading most efficiently, and first impressions of some nominated titles.

TERM WORK = I did write an article about Popular Paperbacks last January. I sent it to our board liasion (Stacy) and she liked it. I'll send that along to Julie so she can let me know the best venue for publication. We are planning a Popular Paperbacks program for the Annual Conference in Washington D.C. in 2007. I am thinking that it's time for a Popular Paperbacks book as w

Planned presentations.

Worked with producers and YALSA to make partnerships/sponsorships and to plan contests and giveaways

Created print material for conference handout packets.

Finalized workshop agenda.

TERM WORK = A list has been created of the Top 50 Audiobooks for Young Adults.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, research, continuous learning

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Several partnerships have been strengthened/established with the Audio producing community.

STRATEGIES = outreach, conference program

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, media, colleagues

CONCERNS = None at this time.

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COMMITTEE NAME = President & Program

CHAIR = Sue Raboy and Michael Cart, Co-Chairs

EMAIL = mrmcart@aol.com

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To plan, organize and present the YALSA President & Program at the 2006 Annual Conference.

ACCOMPLISHED = Program planning has been completed, speakers have been confirmed, and handouts have been prepared.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, research, continuous learning

STRATEGIES = publication, conference program

STRATEGIES OTHER =



FUNCTION STATEMENT = To create and maintain a professional development plan that responds to the needs of librarians serving young adults; to implement, evaluate and revise this plan as necessary; and to maintain a liaison with the ALA Committee on Education and other related ALA units.

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee completed a Continuing Education survey, designed to determine the continuing education needs of YALSA members and prospective members. The survey will be launched on the YALSA website this summer. Several updates were added to the Professional Development Center (website). Two members are working on lists of grants for YA librarians as well as sheets of grant-writing tips and resources. These will be completed before Annual.

TERM WORK = Hopefully, the results of the Continuing Education survey will be published when available in the fall or winter.

ACTION AREA = research, continuous learning , associationsustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = The survey depends on outreach to our members and potential members.

PARTNERS = educators, colleagues

CONCERNS = Finding ways to motivate members to participate more fully in the work of the committee. It might be useful to revisit the purpose and importance of the website.

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COMMITTEE NAME = Program Clearinghouse

CHAIR = Erin Downey Howerton

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To review, facilitate and coordinate the planning and evaluation for all conference and non-conference program proposals and to make overall recommendations to the YALSA Board on the package of programs for Annual Conferences.

ACCOMPLISHED = Additional Form As were submitted during and after Midwinter 2006. These were added to the slate of programs for Annual 2007, and the YALSA Board made suggestions and adjustments to the schedule at their spring conference call meeting. The currently updated slate is as follows:

YALSA's 2007 Slate of Programs: updated April 27, 2006



Additions since Midwinter are starred. (\*\*\*)

Friday:

8:30 – 5:00 Preconference: Sins of YA Literature (Preconference Planning Comm.)

Controversial issues and themes in YA literature. Authors will speak, factual information will be given to justify such books in YA collections, and a segment on defending titles against challenges will be included.

8:30 – 12:30 Preconference: Beginner's Guide to Teens in Libraries (Alessio & Buron)\*\*\*

The purpose of this program is to provide continuing education to help library workers (who aren't trained as YA librarians): 1) interact with teens in a positive manner and 2) to provide appropriate services and resources to teens.

4:00—5:00 YALSA 101 (Division & Membership Promotion Committee)\*\*\*

What is YALSA? How does this ALA division help you? Learn more in a basic orientation, which will include an overview of the division and its activities. New members and those considering membership will learn more about the benefits, and established members are welcome to attend this great networking opportunity.

Saturday:

12 – 2:00 -- Edwards Luncheon

1:30 – 3:30—Great Graphic Novels for Teens (sponsored by PLA & cosponsored by YALSA)\*\*\*



8:00 – 10:00 PM – Printz Reception

Other:

Anniversary Party (50th Anniversary Task Force). May be held Monday evening before Printz or Friday evening before or after the Booklist Books for Youth Forum.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = marketing, continuous learning , associationsustainability

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, colleagues

CONCERNS = Things are going very well at this point in the process. Special thanks to our Board Liaison, Stacy, who has been ever-helpful to me as chair :)

COMMITTEE NAME = Publications

CHAIR = Julie Bartel

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To develop a publications plan in the areas of young adult services and materials, to identify topics to be covered and potential authors; to oversee and coordinate  
an



Great Stories Club

"lost generation" (gen x èrs)

We have also been generating ideas for the Carnegie-Whitney Grant (the most popular idea is a series of Resource Guides) and have been discussing the current YALSA publications schedule (with an eye towards updating publications and creating a more regular update cycle.)

Finally, we have been brainstorming new ways to publicize the current YALSA publications (like Sizzling Summer Reads) to increase visibility and sales.

TERM WORK = I know that we \*are\* YALSA Publications, but we need to do a better job of letting YALSA members know about us. Perhaps an article on what the Publications committee does and how we can help and why people should write for YALSA and especially, that we are actively searching for publication ideas and authors to make them happen.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, research, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Other ALA divisions  
State and regional library associations

PARTNERS = educators, media, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = One of our main concerns is still the competition between YALSA and ALA Editions. In the past couple months a number of Publications Committee members have been approached by ALA Editions and asked to write something for them.

We (YALSA) have also been scooped by ALA Editions on a number of projects of interest (for example, a book on gaming and libraries.) We need to find ways to more aggressively market YALSA as the premiere publishing choice for teen services staff.

Also, if there è any way to find out what ALA Editions is already working on that would be great. We have pursued an author/project more than once in the past six months only to find (after spending quite a bit of time on them) that ALA Editions has a similar (or exactly the same) publication already in the works.

Thanks!!

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COMMITTEE NAME = Publishers Liaison Committee

CHAIR = David Hrivnak

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = The function of this committee is to create a better understanding between publishers and librarians in the library's use of materials with teenagers; usually this is done through programs and articles. In addition, the committee annually selects two recipients (YALSA members who represent a public library and who work directly with young adults) for the Book Wholesalers, Inc./YALSA Collection Development Grant. The selection is made from grant applications and in accordance with the terms specified.

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee has interacted electronically to do the following; alerting the grant recipients of the BWI/YALSA Collection Development Grant, developed a press release for the award winning applicants, planning for the meeting an annual.

TERM WORK = No news at this time.

ACTION AREA = continuous learning

STRATEGIES = outreach, collaboration

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Joint meeting with YA Galley at annual

PARTNERS = teenagers, colleagues

CONCERNS =

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COMMITTEE NAME = Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers

CHAIR = Sarah Couri

EMAIL = scouri@nypl.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To prepare an annotated list of recommended books appropriate for reluctant young adult readers.

ACCOMPLISHED = We have nominated 50 titles for discussion at the Annual conference (37 fiction titles, 13 nonfiction). We have created an online community and have used it for some discussion purposes. We've had conversations (on the online community and on the listserv) about ways to stay organized, our methods of sharing titles with reluctant readers, and various approaches to getting reluctant-to-read teens 'feedback. We have had extensive discussion on educating librarians and publishers alike (not to mention teachers and the teens themselves!) on QP's purpose and method.

TERM WORK = N/A until after MidWinter.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, collaboration

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, colleagues

CONCERNS = A committee member resigned at the beginning of the year and YALSA president Judith Nelson quickly appointed a replacement. Since the resignation happened early on, and the member was so efficiently replaced, it was a smooth transition.

There has been much conversation about publicizing QP's work and methods to other librarians and to the general public. One specific problem that was mentioned and discussed frequently was the idea that publishers are not as familiar as we'd like with what we are looking for in books and with what, exactly, we are trying to do. We've talked about creating an informational pamphlet describing our charge, purpose, and methods of evaluation. We would like to hand this out at conference, along with our meeting times and location so that observers will be able to witness our committee in action.

A related concern is our meeting location; we are meeting relatively far from the convention center. We are an ideal committee to help with YALSA's strategic goal of marketing. At our meetings, we are able to share teens' stories of reading and we can vividly illustrate the way in which reading even one book can change a teen's life. This seems a perfect opportunity for publishers and other librarians to hear about the important work the QP Committee does. It's very difficult to get much of an audience when we are so very far from the convention center. Though we do not have teens speaking at our meetings, we, as librarians, are there to speak for our teens -- for the teens that are often not speaking up for themselves at their own libraries. The QP Committee is pure teen advocacy in action, and it's a fantastic opportunity to allow the maximum number of people possible the chance to see us work.

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COMMITTEE NAME = YALSA Research Committee

CHAIR = Jami Jones

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To stimulate, encourage, guide and direct the research need of young adult library service; to compile abstracts, disseminate research findings, and judge applications for the Frances Henne/VOYA Research Grant.

ACCOMPLISHED = Some preparation for YALSA program at the '07 Conference

Preliminary discussion about project to identify holes in research

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = research

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS =

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COMMITTEE NAME = RUSA/YALSA Joint Reference Task Force

CHAIR = Sarah Flowers/Helen Hejny(RUSA)

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = The joint RUSA and YALSA Task Force will develop reference guidelines for serving young adults, ages 12 through 18, by mid-winter 2007. After the guidelines are endorsed at Midwinter 2007, the task force will also promote these reference guidelines through both RUSA and YALSA journals, other appropriate journals, websites, applicable listserves, and other applicable channels until Annual 2008, or whenever the task is complete, depending on which occurs sooner.

ACCOMPLISHED = Chairs created a list of sections of the guidelines that need to be written and members volunteered to draft sections. These are being shared via email, and the task force will come to Annual with a draft document to discuss and modify.

TERM WORK = None

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, research

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, media, colleagues

CONCERNS = None

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COMMITTEE NAME = Selected Videos and DVDs





ACCOMPLISHED = The Task Force now has an Online Community with important documents available for members. We have identified

The committee will meet at annual to review progress and turn over documents to new chair

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, research, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, collaboration

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS = I, as chair didn't have as much time to devote to the committee as I would have liked this period, so there has not been a lot of communication. I have two very responsible members and the rest wait for direction. Also, the virtual member does not work that well, although with a more attentive chair it might.

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COMMITTEE NAME = SUS Evaluation Task Force

CHAIR = Francisca Goldsmith

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = "To evaluate the Serving the underserved program and to make recommendations to the YALSA Board on ways to improve or enhance the program; to consider ways that revenue may be generated, either for products or services, from the SUS program, with a progress report to be presented to the YALSA Board at Annual 2006 and a final report at Midwinter 2007."

ACCOMPLISHED = Members of the Task Force were appointed only this spring. Timing was such that placing an official meeting time and place on Annual's schedule was not possible and, remarkably, task force members are a busy lot in terms of their participation in other sections of ALA, so even meeting at All committee isn't feasible. Therefore, one goal has been to achieve finding a time and place where we can actually meet in New Orleans, not yet accomplished by the date of this report (5/27). YALSA has been very good about providing us with all documentation relevant to SUS across the years so we do have plenty of data with which to work.

TERM WORK = When this task force completes its work, I believe an article about its findings will be highly relevant to *YALS* readers (that would probably be summer 2007).

ACTION AREA = marketing, research, association sustainability

STRATEGIES = publication

PARTNERS = colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = One task force appointee has not responded to any task force emailings. The brevity of time between appointments and Annual has made it difficult to pull together a good working meeting.

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COMMITTEE NAME = TAGS (Teen Advisory Groups Site) Task Force Description

CHAIR = Paula Brehm-Heeger

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To start work on a plan for a new YALSA sub-website of the main YALSA web site, with Teen Advisory Groups to be its focus.

ACCOMPLISHED = We have concentrated on joining the YALSA community of bloggers and have created regular posts to the new blog regarding various aspects of TAGS. The committee is currently using a schedule, with each committee member, including the Chair, responsible for regular blogging over the course of a month. Paula blogged in March, Judy in April, Kendra in May. The goal is to have a TAGS related post once or twice a week. There have been several responses to the TAGS post.

The committee feels that the blog is an excellent way to engage a large audience about issues related to TAGS, and provides a dynamic, interactive venue for initiating discussion.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, continuous learning

STRATEGIES = conference program

PARTNERS = teenagers, colleagues

CONCERNS = The committee is not entirely sure what direction the current, static TAGS page should take. The spotlight has not been changed in some time, and in discussing this feature, the committee believes there may be other, more effective ways to raise the awareness of TAG activities, particularly by utilizing the blog. The committee recommends that the possibility of replacing the spotlight feature with a link to the blog, or a way to sign up to receive notification about new TAGS-related blog posts.

The committee is also interested in exploring some way of utilizing the TAG registration information for the greater benefit of YALSA members.

Some committee members initially had difficulty blogging, but after working with YALSA office staff and their own Library IT departments, everyone has eventually been able to blog. Similar issues may arise with future TAGS bloggers, as committee membership changes and new people begin blogging.

There was discussion about non-TAGS committee members posting as bloggers. The Chair asked that, at this point, only committee members create posts and that others be encouraged to post comments.

There was also discussion about committee members drawing in teen TAG leaders to c

productively. The same individual asked us to consider writing a statement concerning the proposed DOPA legislation.

TERM WORK = Nothing yet. The YALS article is in and we may have the aforementioned social software guidelines to share.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning

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teens and librarians use - including database vendors, electronics and computer stores, web developers.

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, parents, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = Too soon too tell.

COMMITTEE NAME = Teen Read Week

CHAIR = Lorraine Squires

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To provide recommendations for each annual Teen Read Week to the ALA/YALSA staff; to assist in the selection of a slogan, the drawing up of a timeline, the creation of new items added to the tip sheet and Teen Reading website, and to recommend promotional activities and products.

ACCOMPLISHED = Working with Nichole Gilbert, created content (program ideas, display ideas and contest ideas, plus a list of grant opportunities) for the GET ACTIVE website. RoseMary Honnold wrote an article for YALS about TRW.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Marketing and celebrating TRW is an opportunity for YALSA to partner not only with publishers and booksellers, but with corporate sponsors such as Noggin and Walden Media. Librarians can use TRW as an opportunity to partner with schools, local youth associations, and organizations such as sports clubs and commerce associations.

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, collaboration

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = Committee members were already thinking about the Get Active theme before Midwinter, which gave them a head start for creating content. The creation of the TRW mailing

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creation a priority, while understanding the parameters of the committee's charge. It was a pleasure working with this committee for YALSA.

COMMITTEE NAME = Virtual Regional Advisory Committee

CHAIR = Angela Parks

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To collect and share information with the YALSA office about issues relating to young adult librarianship at the state levels; to liaise with state and regional chapters and share with them information and resources about key YALSA programs and initiatives; to communicate with YALSA's Division and Membership Promotion Committee and collaborate as appropriate; to work with ALA's Chapter Relations Office as appropriate; and to assist the YALSA office with particip



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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To regularly evaluate the YALSA website and to assist the YALSA staff with creating and maintaining content for members and nonmembers; to liaise with YALSA committees in the use of the website in their work for the Div



ACCOMPLISHED = Task Force has recently been appointed so our first meeting will be New Orleans. Just today another Task Force member has been appointed so we now have 1 Virtual and 6 members.

Task Force is doing the following research to prepare for Annual:

- 1-list of Library Schools [potential site & co-host]
- 2-list of State Associations [potential co-host]
- 3-Schedule of other Conferences [we don't want a conflict]
- 4-list of Publishers and contact info [potential sponsors]

The following has been posted on our Online Comm.

- 1-Roster
- 2-notes phone conference S.Raboy/P.Holley
- 3-initial comments/suggestions task force members
- 4-spread sheet for data

Requested from YALSA office:

budget available from YALSA and budget available from Morris Endowment

S.Raboy per P.Holley's suggestion contact Ellen Fader [ALSC] regarding Arbuthnot Lecture format

Task Force members have other committee meetings so we are meeting on Sunday AM and not at the All Comm. Mtg though S.Raboy will attend All Comm. Mtg just in case some Task.Force members show up.

TERM WORK = General info that Task Force has been established

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, research, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Publishers, Library Schools, State Associations and perhaps ALSC

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, parents, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = Any or all of the above may be involved if not in the 1st Symposium but surely in future Symposiums

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COMMITTEE NAME = Youth Participation

CHAIR = Melissa Rabey

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To establish guidelines and/or procedures to involve young adults in the decision-making process which directly effects their access to information and library service at local, state and national levels; to provide continuing education and public professional awareness of youth participation.

ACCOMPLISHED = Committee Member Susan Asis submitted an annotated bibliography to YALS which will be published in the Summer 2006 issue

TERM WORK = N/A

ACTION AREA = advocacy, research

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = YALSA committees that encourage youth participation: Outreach to Young Adults with Special Needs, PATS, TAGS and YA Galley

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS = As I finish my term as chair of this committee, I believe that a change in the charge of this committee is needed. There are too many committees that address an aspect of youth participation in libraries, and as such the original purpose for this committee has been weakened. I hope that the new chair is able to lead the good people on this committee towards a more meaningful contribution towards YALSA and ALA.