

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
2007 Annual Conference
Washington, DC, June 21-27, 2007

Topic: Proposed Changes to Selected DVDs

Background: A taskforce charged with evaluating the Selected DVDs Committee provided a final report at the 2007 Midwinter Meeting. The Board chose to establish an ad-hoc group to continue work on the proposal and resubmit it at Annual 2007. The matter was further discussed at the Executive Committee's Spring Conference Call. A new proposal is provided below.

Action Required: Action

Proposed Change:

Fabulous Films for Young Adults

Membership: 9, including Chair, plus an administrative assistant and an editor from the Audio-Visual Section of *Booklist* to serve as ex-officio consultant.

Qualifications: YALSA members who have experience selecting and evaluating films for a young adult audience and who must be able to attend both the Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference of ALA.

Term of Office: 2 years, Midwinter to Midwinter

Function To select films especially significant to young adults from those currently available for purchase; to annually prepare one annotated list based on a chosen theme of at least ten and no more than twenty-five recommended titles for publication in *Young Adult Library Services*, the YALSA web site, and other appropriate publications; to make use of appropriate YALSA resources and programs to showcase the list.

Procedures:

The List: Philosophy and Purpose

YALSA believes that access to library collections which reflect young adult interests and needs is essential and that multimedia formats are necessary to accommodate varied interests.

The Fabulous Films for Young Adults List is tangible evidence of YALSA's recognition of the belief that moving images play an important role in the life of a young adult.

The purpose of this list is to identify for collection developers a body of films relating to a theme that will appeal to young adults in a variety of settings.

Selection criteria consistent with the Library Bill of Rights shall be applied throughout the selection process. Titles chosen are of acceptable quality and are effective in their presentation. Titles will be selected to appeal to young adults with varied tastes and interests.

Audience

The list is a collection development tool for librarians and others serving diverse young adults ages twelve through eighteen.

Eligibility

To be considered for the list, films must be currently available for purchase in the United States.

The film must be relevant in a noteworthy way to the chosen theme.

In general, a whole series will not be included on the list. Individual titles from a series may be nominated and included.

At the chair's discretion, the committee may consider multi-part programs. All segments must be previewed.

Titles that are re-edited or re-released must contain a significant amount of new material to qualify for consideration and will be treated as new titles.

Technical qualities

Is the photography effective and imaginative? (e.g. choice and handling of visuals, composition, color, focus, exposure, special effects).

Is the sound acceptable? (e.g. good fidelity and synchronization, realistic sound effects, relevant interplay between sound track and image).

Is the editing satisfactory: (e.g. continuity, matching, rhythm, pacing, length).

Do the actors have good voice quality, diction and timing?

Is the acting believable and convincing?

Does the narrator have good voice quality, style, diction and timing?

Content

Is it well organized?

Is the script well written and imaginative?

Is it timely or pertinent to young adult needs and interests?

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