

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
ALA Annual Conference, Anaheim  
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**Topic:** Research Focused Publication

**Background:** The 2007 Publications Survey to the membership indicated that 90% of respondents would “regularly read a periodical that focused on library relevant teen research.” Increasing access to research is also one of the five goals in YALSA’s updated strategic plan. An online periodical that focused exclusively on research relevant to teen library services could meet members’ needs and help YALSA meet one of its strategic plan goals.

**Action Required:** Action

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**Proposal:**

Establish a research focused publication which focuses on research relevant to teen services and that would be published online on a regular basis.

**Rationale:**

The 2007 Publications survey to the membership indicated that 90% of respondents would “regularly read a periodical that focused on library relevant teen research.” Increasing access to research is also a goal in the updated strategic plan. Current efforts at promoting research are limited to the Henne/VOYA grant and the creation and dissemination of an annotated bibliography of research every few years by the Research Committee. An online research publication is an efficient and affordable way of promoting and disseminating research as well as creating an easily accessible repository of relevant research to support YALSA’s advocacy efforts.

**Background:**

- Since 2005 the editor of *YALS* has attempted to include at least one research-focused article in each issue; however, research articles tend to be long which drives up cost by increasing the page count and limits what other resources can be included in the journal.
- Other Divisions with research journals include:

