

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, Chicago
July 9-15, 2009**

Topic: Magazine Selection Taskforce Final Report

Background: At the 2008 Midwinter Meeting the Board voted to establish a taskforce to come up w/ guidelines for a magazine selected list. The taskforce has submitted a draft policy and procedures document below.

Action Required: Discussion

Magnificent Magazines Draft Policy & Procedures

Submitted by the Selected Magazines Taskforce

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Charge:

To select three to six topics or themes and create annual annotated lists of recommended magazines for teen readers.

Purpose of the List:

The lists present magazines published in the past 15 months (September 1 to December 31 of the following year) that are recommended reading for teens aged twelve to eighteen. For the purpose of the committee, magazines are defined as regularly published periodicals available to the general public via subscription or in bookstores or newsstands. Recommended titles should be of interest to a wide variety of teens and reflect the divers

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Chair desires, an administrative assistant may be appointed by the Vice-President/President-Elect of YALSA, in consultation with the Committee Chair. The administrative assistant assists the Chair in duties that may include maintaining the nominations' database, tabulating votes, and other such duties as assigned by the Chair. The administrative assistant is a non-voting member of the committee, and must also be a YALSA member. The Chair and/or administrative assistant only will contact publishers to obtain copies of nominated titles for all committee members.

Relationship with Publishers:

Committee members should not solicit publishers for free and personal copies of magazines. If members are offered or receive unsolicited copies of magazines from a publisher, however, they may be accepted. Committee members s

Selection Criteria:

To be selected for a list, magazines must meet the following criteria:

1. Titles must be in print.
2. Both young adult and adult titles with strong teen appeal should be considered.
3. Popularity and quality should both be considered.
4. A title which has appeared on a previous *Magnificent Magazines* list can be selected for another appropriate list at any time. However, diversity of topics, themes, and titles should be an ongoing consideration for the committee.
5. Each committee will have the latitude to select its own topics (this will ensure the inclusion of timely topics, currently fashionable subjects, and fads) but as a matter of course certain perennially popular genres, topics or themes should be considered. Some examples are sports and gaming, fashion, music, science, news and current events, and multicultural.
6. Titles are included based on an examination of multiple issues within the specified time frame and reflect a general recommendation of the title, not of a specific issue.
7. There is no minimum number of titles required per list, but no list shall include more than 15 titles.

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