

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

Topic: 2009 Road Trip Update

Background: The goal of the 2009 YALSA Road Trip was to have a presence in every state at a library conference. Sarah Debraski has provided an update on the Road Trip so far.

Action Required: Information

Road Trip '09 Update

In the fall of 2008 the YALSA Road Trip was conceived, in response to the 2008 member survey, and as part of the Presidential theme “Engaging the YALSA Community.” Members had expressed the desire to be involved with YALSA in places other than the Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference. Holding YALSA events at state association conferences meets this need, as well as fits into the Strategic Plan (Member Recruitment and Retention.)

Interested YALSA members signed up to either present a YALSA program, have a YALSA exhibit booth, or host an informal social event. The latter is the option most people have chosen. Members signed up to participate for over thirty state conferences:

Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Mountain Plains Library Assoc.

At this point in the year we have been to about half of the scheduled conferences:

New Mexico Library Association, Utah Library Association, New Jersey Library Association, Massachusetts Library Association, New Hampshire Library Association, Texas Library Association, Kansas Library Association, Mountain Plains Library Association, Tennessee Library Association, Oklahoma Library Association, Missouri Association of School Librarians, Maryland Library Association, Alabama Library Association

Member response has been positive. Anecdotally it seems that both newer and older members attended the events. The YALSA office provided events with YALSA materials, including donated materials, such as books. Thank you’s have been sent to those who participated. If this is to be ongoing the call for volunteers/sign up process should become a regular part of the YALSA calendar. Also, we might want to encourage people who are having events to form an ALA Connect group to share ideas or tips.