

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
ALA Annual Conference, Washington DC  
June 24 – 29, 2010

**Topic:** Teen Space Guidelines Taskforce Establishment

**Background:** At the 2009 Annual Conference the Board accepted the report of a taskforce that had been working on developing guidelines for teen spaces. The taskforce disbanded after the conference before the guidelines were finalized. In spring of 2010 the Board came to a consensus to establish a taskforce to finish work on the guidelines. Including the item as a part of this meeting simply ensures it will be entered into the official record of the association.

**Action Required:** Consent

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**Proposal:** Assemble a group of qualified member volunteers to review and refine the existing draft teen space guidelines.

**Rationale:**

- Guidelines can serve as an advocacy tool for members to use in their libraries, and advocacy is one of five goals in YALSA's strategic plan.
- Anecdotal evidence suggests that more public libraries are creating teen spaces; however, widely accepted standards for them don't exist at this time.

**Proposed Action:** The Board direct the President to establish a taskforce that will be responsible for refining the existing guidelines and submitting a final draft to the Board for review and adoption.

**Additional Resources:**

- YALSA's complete strategic plan can be found at [www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/aboutyalsab/StrategicPlan08\\_final.pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/aboutyalsab/StrategicPlan08_final.pdf)