





**YALSA Board of Directors – Annual 2010**  
**YALSA's Role in Guiding the Profession**

- **White Papers:** During 2008 – 2009 four white papers were adopted by the Board and published by YALSA. Together these documents layout a framework for a set of guiding principles for young adult services.
  - Value of Young Adult Literature
  - Need for Teen Spaces in Public Libraries
  - Importance of Young Adult Services in the LIS Curricula
  - Benefits of Including Dedicated Young Adult Librarians on Public Library Staffs
  
- **Books:**
  - *New Directions for Library Service to Young Adults* (2002). First published in 1977 as *Directions for Library Service to Young Adults* and updated in 1993.
  - *Young Adults Deserve the Best: YALSA Competencies in Action* (forthcoming 2010)
  
- **Training & Education:**
  - Train the trainer program
  - Pre-conferences & midwinter institutes
  - Licensed institutes
  - E-courses
  - Webinars
  
- **Promoting best practices:**
  - Excellence in Library Services to Young Adults competition and book
  - *YALS*
  - Member awards

**Additional Resources**

- All of the YALSA guidelines and white papers mentioned above are available from the Professional Development section of YALSA's web site:  
[www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/profdev/professionaldevelopment.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/profdev/professionaldevelopment.cfm)
- Certification Made to Suit <http://tinyurl.com/2f6d9k3>