

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, New Orleans
June 24 - 28, 2011**

Topic: JRLYA Editor Annual Report

Background: Sandra Hughes-Hassell, the Member Editor of *JRLYA*, has provided the Board with a semi-annual report. As editor, Sandra is also chair of the *JRLYA* Advisory Board. The journal is YALSA's peer-reviewed, open source research journal that launched in November 2010 as part of the Board's strategy for addressing the Research goal in the strategic plan.

Action Required: Consent

JRLYA Editor's Report

Submitted by Sandra Hughes-Hassell
June 1, 2011

Overview of Journal

The *Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults* is published four times a year by the [Young Adult Library Services Association](#) in November, February, May, and August. Its purpose is to enhance the development of theory, research, and practices to support young adult library services.

Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults promotes and publishes high quality original research concerning the informational and developmental needs of young adults; the management, implementation, and evaluation of library services for young adults; and other critical issues relevant to librarians who work with young adults. The journal also includes literary and cultural analysis of classic and contemporary writing for young adults.

As the online, open-access, peer-reviewed journal of the Young Adult Library Services Association, *Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults* distributes major research findings worldwide through electronic publication. The primary audience for *Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults* includes academics, public librarians, school library media specialists, and secondary school educators who advocate for young adults and strive to support their developmental and educational needs.

Purpose and Scope of the Journal

- To serve as a vehicle for disseminating research of interest to librarians, library workers and academics who focus on library service to young adults, ages 12 through 18.

8. Additional advisory board members will be added after annual to assist with the peer reviewing process

Issues to Address

1. Increasing the number of quality submissions received—Do Board members have any ideas?
2. Strengthening relationships between JRLYA and other YALSA committees related to research—The current editor (Sandra Hughes-Hassell) was elected to the YALSA Board and will serve as the Board Liaison to Research Committee and to the Midwinter Paper Presentation 2013.
3. Monitoring usage of the journal—usage numbers; comments, etc.