

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

Topic: Confirmation of Summer Reading Taskforce Establishment

Background: In 2010 YALSA applied for and received a grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to support two projects: summer reading and Teen Read Week. In March the Board voted via email to establish a taskforce to evaluate the applications for the summer reading grants. 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

Proposal: Create a Task Force that will evaluate the summer reading program applications and create summer reading resources.

Rationale: As part of the funding from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant, YALSA will provide 20 \$1,000 grants to libraries to support summer reading programs. The applications have been collected and the application period is closed. However, a taskforce has not yet been assembled to work on this short term project.

Proposed Charge:

To vet the applicants for the summer reading mini grants and choose 20 winners by April 8th according to eligibility requirements and responses to questions on the application form. To compile and/or create resources focused specifically on assisting librarians implement summer reading programs and activities that are inclusive of or designed for teens who are struggling readers, including teens who do not speak English as a first language and add them to YALSA's wiki as they are developed. Taskforce size: 5 – 7 virtual members, including the chair. Term of appointment: now through August 31, 2011.

Proposed Action: the Board direct the President to establish a Summer Reading Taskforce that will work between now and August 31, 2011 to review applications submitted for the summer reading grants and determine the 20 winners and to create summer reading resources.