

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call
4:30 – 6:00 PM (Eastern) August 12, 2008**

Topic: Site Selection for the 2010 Symposium

Background: YALSA will host its second Young Adult Literature Symposium in 2010. The goal is to announce the new dates and site at the 2008 event. YALSA staff, based on future scheduled ALA and literature related events, determined that the 2010 event should be in the western part of the United States. YALSA's Program Officer, Nichole Gilbert, is working with the visitor and convention bureaus to get information about hotel rates, airport accessibility, etc. Some basic information is provided below.

Action Required: Discussion

POTENTIAL LOCATIONS:

Based on: size and proximity of airport to downtown, transportation options w/in the city, size of area drive-in population, hotel rates and availability, lack of other library/literary events in area at the time of Symposium, prior success of other ALA functions in city, potential draw as tourist destination. The five cities under consideration are:

- Albuquerque
- Denver
- Portland
- Salt Lake
- Seattle

RECOMMENDED DATES:

November 4 – 6, 2010

FALL 2010 DATES TO AVOID

Holidays:

Sep 5 Lailat Ul Qadr (Islamic)

Sep 6 Labor Day

Sep 9 Rosh Hashana (Jewish)

Sep 10 Eid-al-Fitr (end of Ramadan, Islamic)

Sep 18 Yom Kippur (Jewish)

Oct 11 Columbus Day

Nov 2 Election Day

Nov 11 Veterans Day

Nov 25 Thanksgiving Day

Dec 2 Hannukah

Events:

- ALAN Workshop (Nov. 22-23 in Orlando)
- National Book Festival (in Sept. or Oct.—they won't know the exact date until 12 months in advance)
- ALSC Institute (sometime in Sept.)
- AASL Fall Forum (sometime in Oct.)
- ALA/Division Fall Executive Committee Meetings (Oct. 22-24)
- Teen Read Week (Oct. 17-23)
- USBBY conference (in Oct. in NYC)
- 2010 ALA Annual Conference in Washington DC, June 24 - 30
- 2011 ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Diego, Jan. 7-12
- PLA National Conference in Portland (some time in March)
- Regional Book events (see www.loc.gov/loc/cfbook/bookfair.html)
- State & Regional Library Assoc. conferences (see www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/chapters/planningcalendar/planningcalendar.htm)