

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
February Meeting via Conference Call  
February 29, 2008**

**Topic:** Slate for 2009 Annual Conference

**Background:** Listed below is the proposed slate for 2009, as compiled by the Program Clearinghouse Committee. The Board will want to review it to ensure that it fits with YALSA’s mission and goals and give feedback to the committee.

**Action Required:** Action

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**Snapshot of Slate (incl. ticketed events)**

<b>Proposed Program or Ticketed Event</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Half day preconference on ?	?
Full day preconference on genres	Preconference Planning Committee
YALSA 101	?
YALSA Happy Hour	?
Edwards Lunch	N/A
Downloadable Technology	Technology Committee
Alex Winners	Alex Committee
YA Author Coffee Klatch	?
Graphic Novels in Schools	Great Graphic Novels Committee

Notes from Office:

- § What topic is desirable for this half day event? Once a topic is selected, Paula or Sarah will need to appoint a taskforce.

**12:30 to 5:00 Genre Preconference**

Sponsor: Preconference Planning Committee

Authors, speakers, breakout discussions on different genres

**4:00 to 5:00 YALSA 101**

Notes from Office:

- § No Form A was submitted for this, but in the past the Division & Membership Promotion Committee has sponsored it.

**5:00 to 7:00 YALSA Happy Hour**

Notes from Office:

- § Do we want a specific committee or member group to sponsor this?

**SATURDAY**

**12-1:30 Margaret Edwards Luncheon**

**1:30-3:30 Program: Downloadable Technology: Current and Future Trends**

Sponsor: Technology for Young Adults (Kelly Tyler)

Panel discussion reviewing current trends in downloadable technology for teens and possible implementations for programming and services in libraries.

Track: Children and Young Adults, Technology

Notes from PCC:

- To broaden appeal, it would be great to include information on how schools and school librarians can use downloadable technology and how they can work with public librarians on programming.
- The proposal indicates a panel discussion—will there also be demonstrations? Could be boring and not easily understandable if there are no demos.
- Include Playaways and other downloadable materials and alternatives in presentation.
- It would be great to include practical uses in libraries and schools, especially those who can't afford the newest computers or the best internet. Would this program also include examples of ways teens want their libraries to use downloadable tech?

Notes from Office:

- Is there a way to address ADA issues and/or to be inclusive of teens with special needs?

**4-5:30 Alex Award Winners 2009**

Sponsor: Alex Awards Committee (Priscille Dando)

Panel presentation of the 10 titles chosen for the Alex Award including authors and book talks. Authors will also speak about how winning the Alex Award has impacted them.

## **SUNDAY**

### **8-10am YA Author Coffee Klatch (ticketed event)**

Notes from Office:

- § Who do we want to feature at the 2009 Klatch? In 2007 it was Printz & Edwards winners. In 2008 it will be BBYA authors.

### **8-10am Graphic Novels in Schools**

Sponsor: YALSA Great Graphic Novels Committee (Robin Brenner)

(Alternate time—Sunday, 1:30 to 3:30) (\*\*avoid times when GGNT meets)

Graphic Novels in schools encourage literacy, connect to the curriculum and engage students. This program will help school librarians and educators feel confident selecting and using them in the school environment and encourage public librarians to form partnerships with their local schools.

Tracks: Children & Young Adults; Collection Development and Management; Literacy/Partnerships (?)

Notes from PCC:

- To broaden appeal, this program should not only discuss how public librarians can partner with schools, but should also focus on how school librarians and educators can make graphic novels part of their collections and curriculum. Panelists should include school librarians/educators who have experience with graphic novel collections.
- Emphasize importance of graphic novels for reluctant readers.
- Have resources for suggested titles to buy and tips on understanding manga and comics better. (YALSA's GGNT list)

Notes from Office:

- YALSA is doing a full day preconference on graphic novels in Nashville at the Symposium as well as a paper presentation 8 months prior to Annual 09. Could this presentation be saved for the next AASL Conference and free up a slot for Annual 09 to address something more pressing or unique?

### **10:30 -12:30 Speed-Dating with Young Adult Publishers**

Sponsor: Publishers' Liaison Committee (Carlisle K. Webber)

Representatives from small and large publishers will present their young adult titles for the coming seasons. They will get the chance to give and receive input regarding YA titles.



## MONDAY

### **8-10 Blume or Burst; Exploration or Exploitation: The Role of Sex in 30 YA Books Over 30 Years**

Sponsor—(proposal from YA Lit. Symposium) Lynn Bidermann, JD, MLS

Blume's *Forever* put sex into YA literature. A YA author, lawyer, and librarian uses legal skills to analyze 30 books over the past 30 years: whether sex in these books is frank or filler, realistic or reprehensible, and represents trends in teen behavior, in an effort to develop review factors and explore this statement—If the sex reflects a truth about teens, even in its most exploitive usage, then the literature can generate introspection.

Additional notes from sponsor: This program supports YALSA goals of assisting librarians in providing materials to teens that meet their needs and interests. Through extensive research of

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- Including school librarians, as well as public librarians and experts, on the panel would broaden appeal. Include discussion about school library challenges, as well as community challenges.
- Can this program also include ideas for opening lines of conversation with other library departments when those lines are crossed?
- Past cases of challenged books should be discussed.

Notes from the Office:

- An IF program every year makes bringing a fresh perspective to it difficult and takes up a valuable program slot. It might be time to evaluate whether or not an annual program is necessary, desired or strategic.

**1:30-3:30 YALSA President's Program (check with new committee for program title)**

Sponsor – Sarah Debraski

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