

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Seattle, WA  
January 19-24, 2007**

**Topic:** Reports from Committee and Task Force Chairs

**Background:** Committee Chairs were asked to submit a report of what work they've accomplished since Annual.

**Action Required:** Discussion

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COMMITTEE NAME = YALSA 50

CHAIR = Arnold/Jeffrey/Wendt

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To develop an overall theme and to work with YALSA committees and the YALSA office to coordinate, plan and carry out a yearlong celebration of YALSA's 50th Anniversary.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1. working with President on legislative initiative to declare 2007 the Year of the Young Adult Reader  
2. developing member feedback surveys for YAttitudes  
3. Midwinter conference activities include kickoff celebration at Joint Youth reception 1/22; Friends of YALSA fundraising bookmark giveaways; distribution of 50th Anniversary badge seals to all members at all-committee and other meetings; introduction of recognition proclamation at ALA Council meeting by YALSA Councilor  
4. worked with staff to plan Printz Award focus for Booklist Forum at Annual  
5. with staff, began to solicit YA award-winning authors for a

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13. working with Legislative Committee on advocacy toolkit for members
14. working with IF committee to develop list of challenged materials for 50 Years of Reading Freely section of website

TERM WORK = Editors of online newsletter and journal to be included in 50th Anniversary promotion for each issue in 2007

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Outreach to key partners (AASL; ALSC; NCTE; ALA; publishers; “Unshelved;” *B L ; YA*)  
Publication (both print and electronic)

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, parents, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = Member Grace Riario was asked to consider virtual membership rather than resign from the committee; we have yet to receive her confirmation; left a voicemail message for her on 12/11 as follow-up to several emails; Grace is in charge of the leader interviews for print and podcast

Still having some difficulty in getting committee responses in timely fashion on distribution list.

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COMMITTEE NAME = AAAS SB&F Prize Task Force (High School)

CHAIR = Angela Leeper

EMAIL = angela.leeper@earthlink.net

FUNCTION STATEMENT = The AAAS SB&F Prize Task Force (High School) selects an outstanding science book for high school students based on the criteria designated by AAAS and SB&F.

ACCOMPLISHED = The librarians on the task force narrowed down the reading selections to four finalists in October. The scientists were added to the discussion of the finalists. On December 4th, the librarians and scientists selected the winning title, *en d n d t e n n t e n d e t n n* by Eric Dinerstein.

TERM WORK = None

ACTION AREA = advocacy, continuous learning

STRATEGIES = outreach, collaboration

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Educators

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, colleagues

CONCERNS =

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COMMITTEE NAME = YA Advocacy Task Force

CHAIR = Ma'lis Wendt

EMAIL = mwendt@nypl.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To help plan and carry out YALSA's upcoming "@ Your Library Campaign," which will be launched in 2007, and in conjunction with the national campaign to educate and inform the general public about the vital role libraries and librarians plan in youth development and teen literacy, and to provide YALSA members and library staff with tools and resources to do the same in their communities.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1) Rollie Welch reworked and edited the article drafted by Charli Osborne for the Fall issue of *YA* -- "YALSA's Advocacy Task Force"-- see page 4.  
2) The survey we drafted was sent out to YALSA members this fall and 234 people responded. We have been reviewing the results via email correspondence.

TERM WORK = Nothing as of now -- but we will have more as we get the @your library campaign going.

ACTION AREA = advocacy

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, parents, colleagues, youth development organizations

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**FUNCTION STATEMENT** = The purpose of the Anime Discussion Group is to discuss issues relating to anime and to develop and disseminate best practices in collections, programming, and related topics in the popularity of anime and its affects on teens. Regularly share good program practices and successful anime events as well as making anime title recommendation to the group.

**ACCOMPLISHED** = The discussion group was established on ALA Community on July 21, 2006. Currently, we have 37 registered participants of the group. The Discussion Forum is divided into 3 major categories of areas:

- 1) Collection Development
- 2) Programs
- 3) Issues related to Anime

Under each area, we have different discussion topics, numbers of replies, and how many times each topic is being viewed by participants.

Here are the statistics so far:

- 1) Collection Development

- a) Classic titles - 2 topics, 7 replies, 41 views

- b) Latest/Popular titles - 1 topic, 6 replies, 31 views

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**FUNCTION STATEMENT** = To select, annotate, and present for publication an annual list of notable audio recordings significant to young adults from those released in the past two years.

**ACCOMPLISHED** = The committee has listened to many audiobooks submitted by a variety of audiobook publishers and has a final list of nominations numbering 74 titles. Committee members have also discussed titles via the committee listserv. Committee members have involved teens

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COMMITTEE NAME = Baker & Taylor Award Jury Committee

CHAIR = Patsy Weeks

EMAIL = patsyweeks@msn.com

FUNCTION STATEMENT = Select the winners of the Baker & Taylor Award grant. The two grants of \$1,000 each are awarded to librarians who work directly with young adults in either a public or school library to enable them to attend the Annual Conference for the first time.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1. Publicized the award through various appropriate listservs and through state library organizations.  
2. Began a discussion of compiling criteria or developing a rating system for evaluating the applicants.

TERM WORK = None for now

ACTION AREA = marketing, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = All youth organizations of ALA  
All state library associations  
All appropriate listservs

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program

STRATEGIES OTHER = This does not belong here, but it is where the cut and paste ended up.

Marketing: increase communications to targeted YALSA member prospects

Continuous Learning: increase visibility of YALSA as a resource for continuing education

Association Sustainability: increase members

PARTNERS = educators, media, colleagues

CONCERNS =

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COMMITTEE NAME = Best Books for Young Adults

CHAIR = Karyn Silverman

EMAIL = ksilverman@lrei.org

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**FUNCTION STATEMENT** = To select from the year's publications, significant adult and young adult books; to annotate the selected titles.

**ACCOMPLISHED** = Since Annual, 130 additional books have been nominated, bringing the total to 232. Nominations closed on 11/15, and the committee has completed one straw poll since then; additional straw polls will follow between now and Midwinter. For the most part, committee members focused on reading and nominating.

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newsletters and blogs for possible topics and suggested authors perhaps through the YALSA Blog or an online community.

COMMITTEE NAME = Financial Advancement Committee

CHAIR = Mary Arnold

EMAIL = marnold@cuyahogalibrary.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = Offer support and assistance to YALSA's fiscal officer as requested, including attending BARC meetings as appropriate; oversee implementation and continued growth of Friends of YALSA, including development of a recognition program for individuals, organizations and vendors who donate funds, and provide suggestions for other viable revenue-generating ventures to the YALSA Board.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1. FOY: worked with staff and Board to update solicitation letters (electronic and mail) for current FOY renewals; general membership invitation email; include fiscal year dates on FOY page.  
2. FOY: contributing areas of support and activity to Fiscal Officer for FOY 50th Anniversary bookmark for Midwinter/Annual and other YALSA-sponsored workshops and activities; promote FOY on YALSA blog and midwinter to dud                      dwia

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PARTNERS = educators, media, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = with the upgrade from Task Force to Committee, will current members' terms be automatically extended (the original TF charge included recommending permanent committee status, and the TF members' terms were to end January 2007)?

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COMMITTEE NAME = 1st Author Task Force

CHAIR = Ann C. Theis

EMAIL = theisa@chesterfield.gov or ann\_overbooked@earthlink.net

FUNCTION STATEMENT = Function statement: To develop the policies and procedures for a new YALSA committee that will annually select a First Time YA Author Award that will be funded by the Morris endowment and offered for the first time in 2008; to develop criteria for the First Time YA Author Award; to create a proposal according to the ALA Awards Manual guidelines for the new award for YALSA Board's consideration; and to submit the proposal no later than Midwinter 2007, with a progress report at Annual 2006.  
Task Force size: 5-7 members

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee has worked hard to prepare a draft for board review at Midwinter. Committee members were responsible for writing portions of the draft, which were then reviewed and voted on by the entire committee. While there was a general consensus about most points in the draft, several were open to collegial discussion and may require Board input. I would like to commend members for their thoughtful and professional work on this project.

Some issues are still unresolved and will be discussed at the All Committee Meeting. Details are noted in the draft that will be sent to the Board.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, parents, colleagues, youth dev orgs

CONCERNS =

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COMMITTEE NAME = Great Book Giveaway

CHAIR = Caryn Sipos

EMAIL = caryn@tigard-or.gov

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To judge the applications for the YALSA Great Book Giveaway Award.

ACCOMPLISHED = Members have been appraised of the judging criteria and are ready to work!

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = conference program

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, colleagues

CONCERNS =

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COMMITTEE NAME = Great Graphic Novels for Teens

CHAIR = Dawn Rutherford

EMAIL = drutherf@kcls.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To prepare an annual annotated list of recommended graphic novels appropriate for teen readers.

ACCOMPLISHED = Our Policies and Procedures have been finalized. 140 titles have been nominated for our first list. Online discussions have included reissues, suitability of particular titles, and current issues related to graphic novels. Snow Wildsmith is heading up a sub-committee planning a program for Annual showcasing our new list with booktalks, to be blocked together with a PLA program on graphic novels. We are also putting together a list of 50 great graphic series and individual titles to be shared as part of the YALSA anniversary celebration.

TERM WORK = Our first list will come out in January 2007.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, media, colleagues

CONCERNS =

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COMMITTEE NAME = Henne Jury Award Committee

CHAIR = Jami L. Jones

EMAIL = [jonesj@ecu.edu](mailto:jonesj@ecu.edu)

FUNCTION STATEMENT = The function statement of the Committee is: Judge applications for the YALSA Frances Henne/VOYA Research Grant.

ACCOMPLISHED = We are a new committee and come together to select the Henne award.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = research

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = colleagues

CONCERNS =

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COMMITTEE NAME = Intellectual Freedom Committee

CHAIR = Kathleen Krepps

EMAIL = [kkrepps@csd99.org](mailto:kkrepps@csd99.org); [kathleen\\_krepps@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleen_krepps@yahoo.com)

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To serve as a liaison between the div

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particularly that which affects young adults, to encourage the art of lobbying; and to recommend to the YALSA Board endorsement or revision of legislation affecting young adults which might be proposed or supported by the ALA Legislation Committee.

ACCOMPLISHED = The committee developed the document “Advocacy Tips for YALSA Members” in response to the pending legislative action on DOPA. Two members attending ALA’s online workshop "Messaging and Talking with Congress: An Interactive Workshop,” and wrote a review of the workshop that was then posted on the YALSA blog. The committee is currently working on a draft of a resolution asking that Congress designate 2007 or 2008 as the Year of Teen Reading.

TERM WORK = None at this time.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, continuous learning

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = media, colleagues

CONCERNS = None at this time.

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COMMITTEE NAME = Local Arrangements/Washington 2007

CHAIR = Diane P. Monnier

EMAIL = [diane.monnier@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:diane.monnier@montgomerycountymd.gov)

FUNCTION STATEMENT =

ACCOMPLISHED = Full Committee has been appointed and is waiting for instructions on duties related to the upcoming annual conference.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = marketing, association sustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =



CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = 2007 Midwinter Institute Taskforce

CHAIR = Carrie Bryniak

EMAIL = bryniak@hcplonline.info

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To plan and i

ACCOMPLISHED = Committee members have been contacted and have responded to initial e-mail. Our term does not begin until February though.

TERM WORK =

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

CONCERNS = Jennifer Hubert contacted me and mentioned that she will not be at mid-winter, so I am wondering what if anything I need to do in her absence, as I will have to schedule around Printz discussions.

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CHAIR = Jennifer Hubert

EMAIL = [jhubert@lrei.org](mailto:jhubert@lrei.org)

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To prepare the slate of candidates for the annual election of YALSA officers and directors, the Margaret A. Edwards Award Committee, and the Michael L. Printz Award Committee, in accordance with the YALSA By-Laws, Article VIII, Section I.

ACCOMPLISHED = Since Annual in New Orleans, Nominating has completed their construction of the Spring 2007 ballot, service to start in 2008. The completed ballot will be presented to the YALSA Board at Midwinter 2007 in Seattle.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, association sustainability

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = publication, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = educators, colleagues

CONCERNS =

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COMMITTEE NAME = Odyssey Award

CHAIR = Mary Burkey

EMAIL = [mburkey@columbus.rr.com](mailto:mburkey@columbus.rr.com)

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A committee that consists of ALSC and YALSA members will select the award. The 2008 award will represent the best audiobook released in 2007.

"We're very excited to be sponsoring the Odyssey Award," said Booklist Editor and Publisher Bill Ott. "It's the perfect complement both to our ongoing sponsorship of YALSA's Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in young adult literature and to the magazine's commitment to coverage of the increasingly important audiobook field."

For nearly 50 years, YALSA has been the world leader in selecting books, videos, and audiobooks for teens. For more information about YALSA or for lists of recommended reading, viewing and listening, go to [www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists), or contact the YALSA office by phone, 800-545-2433, ext. 4390; or e-mail: [yalsa@ala.org](mailto:yalsa@ala.org).

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2. To study and review committee functions, recommending changes in committee structure, to advise on the organization manual, and to make recommendations on other organizational matters.

ACCOMPLISHED =

The new committee chair spent time acquiring all the past files from the previous chair and acclimating.

One of the committee members resigned due to health difficulties and in conversation with Judy Nelson, the chair agreed to accept a virtual member as a replacement.

We discussed and approved the final version of the "Great Graphic Novels" committee's policies and procedures.

We discussed and approved the language of section 1 of the YALSA handbook's "Conflict of Int14 0 Td (d)Tj 6.01139 0 32821e





ACTION AREA = advocacy, research, association sustainability

**Advocacy**

Increase advocacy tools for YALSA members, especially the first strategy about creating "talking points" for YALSA members to use when giving presentations. (Topical lists of popular YA works.)

**Research**

Increase communication and collaboration with other ALA research entities and activities. (Promote the usefulness of topical lists for school librarians, as reached by School Library Journal article - hopefully!)

**Association Sustainability**

Increase membership, especially by member-only access to the finished lists with annotations.

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, parents, colleagues

CONCERNS = This is such a wonderful committee that suffers only from lack of exposure to the greater library community. Perhaps another member perk could be that each topical  
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ourselves, fall prey to the temptation to shield children from books with which we have issues.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = conference program

STRATEGIES OTHER =

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = 2007 Michael L. Printz Award

CHAIR = Cindy Dobrez

EMAIL = dobrez@chartermi.net

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To select from the previous year's publications the best young adult book ("best" being defined tyoo gDo gfinedhaeoh R R'd h be<sup>pt</sup>

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, media, colleagues

CONCERNS = Judging eligibility of adult vs. YA titles for Printz is getting trickier each year. Graphic Novel publications, in particular, are proving to be a very gray area. The task force working on the awards commēen œvartzth barv

EMAIL = mkimball@buffalo.edu

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To create and maintain a professional development plan that responds to the needs of librarians serving young adults; to implement, evaluate and revise this plan as necessary; and to maintain a liaison with the ALA Committee on Education and other related ALA units.

ACCOMPLISHED = 1. We received a new charge that will make us responsible for oversight of YALSA's E-learning program. The Committee will discuss this change at the Midwinter meeting and how best to absorb this new duty.

2. The Committee evaluated twenty-five applications submitted to YALSA for inclusion in the Emerging Leaders Program. The Committee recommended two names to the Board as candidates to be sponsored by YALSA to the Emerging Leaders Program.

3. The Committee received the results of a survey designed by the Professional Development Committee and given to YALSA members asking for input on what kinds of programs members want to see for continuing education programs. The Committee will discuss the results at the Midwinter meeting in connection with their new responsibilities vis à vis the e-learning program.

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = research, continuous learning

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES = conference program, other

STRATEGIES OTHER = Electronic learning programs; continuous updating of the Professional Development website.

PARTNERS = media, colleagues

CONCERNS = This Committee has taken on quite a bit of additional responsibility and I am concerned that we may not be able to address everything we need to.

COMMITTEE NAME = Program Clearinghou

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To review,

2. We began planning a program for Anaheim 2008 featuring a panel of authors and publishers talking about forthcoming coming YA and Adult titles with teen appeal.

3. Committee members began reviewing the midwinter survey and its impact on us for discussion at annual.

TERM WORK = We will want to have articles featuring/promoting the proposed “Support YA Literature Day” in as many YALSA and ALA publications as possible once our plans are firmed up after midwinter.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning, association sustainability

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STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = RII

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FUNCTION STATEMENT = To develop reference guidelines for serving young adults, ages 12 to 18, by Midwinter 2007. After the guidelines are endorsed, the task force will also promote the guidelines through both RUSA and YALSA journals, other appropriate journals and websites, applicable listservs and other applicable channels until Annual 2008.

ACCOMPLISHED = We have written the guidelines, which we will present at Midwinter.

TERM WORK = After the guidelines are approved by both RUSA and YALSA Boards, we need to publish them in the division journals. I will forward other publication ideas to Julie Bartel.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, research, continuous earning, association sustainability

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, collaboration

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = RUSA

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, colleagues

CONCERNS =

COMMITTEE NAME = Sagebrush Award Jury

CHAIR = Cara Kinsey

EMAIL = carakinsey@nypl.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = This award is designed to honor a member (or members) of YALSA 1390 Td (i)Tj 3.36638 0 T.366469 0 Td (g)Tj 6.01139 0 Td (u)Tj 6.011364 0 Td (N)Tj 8.71651 0 T

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CONCERNS = Ray Barber, a virtual member from YALSA, has suggested that PLA have representatives on this committee.

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COMMITTEE NAME = Selected DVD's/Videos for Young Adults

CHAIR = Jeri Gunther

EMAIL = [gunther\\_j@oceancounty.lib.nj.us](mailto:gunther_j@oceancounty.lib.nj.us)

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To select videos and digital video disks especially significant to young adults from those released in the past two years; to prepare an annotated list for publication in Booklist, School Library Journal, the YALSA web site, and other appropriate publications; and to present an annual showcase of selected items.

ACCOMPLISHED = We devised a new structure for obtaining videos that was led by my Administrative Assistant. It did yield better results, so we will see.

TERM WORK = None at this time

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, continuous learning, association sustainability

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = To our communities and even underserved populations.

STRATEGIES = outreach, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, parents, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = Wanting to make sure the equipment we need will be there -- that is the biggest concern we have.

Can we find out if we are in a wireless room?

COMMITTEE NAME = Selected DVDs Task Force

CHAIR = Carly Wiggins

EMAIL = [cwiggins@acpl.info](mailto:cwiggins@acpl.info)

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To evaluate the charge, policies, and procedures for the Selected DVDs and Videos Committee, to make recommendations for any changes needed to improve the overall committee structure and its process for selection, to ensure that its selected list is both useful and relevant to YA librarians, and to submit recommendations to the Board by Annual 2006.

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COMMITTEE NAME = Teen Gaming Discussion Group

CHAIR = Beth Gallaway

EMAIL = informationgoddess29@gmail.com

FUNCTION STATEMENT = The purpose of the committee is to discuss issues relating to teens and gaming and to develop and disseminate best practices in collections, programming, and related topics in the field of gaming (including video, computer, internet, handheld, mobile, board, card, and miniatures) for young adults ages 12-18.

ACCOMPLISHED = We added some content to the ALA Online Communities page, prepared for Midwinter '07 preconference, submitted proposals at two conferences including ALA Annual 2007 where we're having a presentation on 'Video Games as a Service: Hosting a Tournament in Your Library', posted a podcast to the YALSA blog about the annual meeting of the discussion group in New Orleans, request the board take action in creating a gaming selection list, created handouts/resources for board games, virtual worlds, and the gaming discussion group. We have a relationship and presence in the virtual world of Second Life where we will simultaneously present during our live meetings at Midwinter and Annual.

TERM WORK = Next meeting: ALA Midwinter - Seattle, WA  
W Hotel Seattle, 1112 Fourth Avenue  
Studio 8  
Saturday, January 20, 1:30pm-3:30pm

ACTION AREA = advocacy, continuous learning

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Research, Technology for Young Adults

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS =

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COMMITTEE NAME = Teen Tech Week Task Force

CHAIR = Linda W. Braun

EMAIL = lbraun@leonline.com

FUNCTION STATEMENT =

ACCOMPLISHED = Prepared presentation for the Teen Tech Week Kickoff, provided ideas for sponsor activities/support, worked on the TTW Wiki, provided suggestions for items to sell for TTW in the ALA store, developed guidelines for TTW Video contest. Started TTW podcasts (currently published approximately twice per month.)

TERM WORK = Availability of TTW wiki, handouts and presentations from TTW Kickoff (presentations will be recorded for a TTW podcasts) TTW Video contest.

ACTION AREA = advocacy, marketing, association sustainability

STRATEGIES OUTREACH = Publishers, tech companies, educators, YPulse

STRATEGIES = outreach, publication, conference program, collaboration

STRATEGIES OTHER =

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS = As this is a first time effort we are learning as we go along and are getting a lot of support from the YALSA Office.

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COMMITTEE NAME = Teen Read Week

CHAIR = RoseMary Honnold

EMAIL = honnolro@oplin.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To provide recommendations for each annual Teen Read Week to the ALA/YALSA staff; to assist in the selection of a slogan, the drawing up of a timeline, the creation of new items added to the tip sheet and Teen Reading website, and to recommend promotional activities and products.

ACCOMPLISHED = The Teen Read Week Committee made several suggestions for the 2007 Teen Read Week slogan and generated program ideas for each slogan. A different slogan was selected and the committee has not had a chance to work on the new theme yet. The new slogan is LOL @ your library.

One committee member resigned and was replaced and one member changed to being a virtual member.

TERM WORK = We will be making assignments for developing material for the Teen Read Week Web site.

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER =

CONCERNS = Our committee spent a couple of months discussing ideas for a slogan. A slogan someone at the YALSA office suggested was thrown in at the last minute. The new slogan wasn't communicated to the committee chair without my asking what it was.

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COMMITTEE NAME = YA Urban Populations Discussion Group

CHAIR = Kathy Degyansky

EMAIL = kathleen.degyansky@queenslibrary.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = Provide an opportunity for networking and sharing among librarians/others who have a need and interest in serving young adults in urban settings.

ACCOMPLISHED = Email discussions. Agreed to co-sponsor a program submitted for PLA 2008 on "Disconnected Youth".

TERM WORK =

ACTION AREA = advocacy

STRATEGIES = outreach, conference program, other

STRATEGIES OUTREACH =

STRATEGIES OTHER = Blog or sponsor a pod-cast.

PARTNERS = teenagers, educators, media, colleagues, youth development organizations

CONCERNS =

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COMMITTEE NAME = Virtual Regional Advisory Board

CHAIR = Angela Parks

EMAIL = aparks@olatheks.org

FUNCTION STATEMENT = To collect and share information with the YALSA office about issues relating to young adult librarianship at the state and regional levels; to liaise with state and regional chapters and share with them information and resources about key YALSA programs and initiatives; to communicate with YALSA's Division and Membership Promotion Committee and collaborate as appropriate; to work with ALA's Chapter Relations





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Tallied online and paper results of TTT 2006, combined the two lists to determine official results for the press release;

Verified copyright/publishing information from 2006 list and delivered to YALSA office for press release;

Prepared new member packets for incoming groups;

Updated documents for new publisher members;

Answered questions from new group leaders about project (ongoing);

One committee member checked nominations for eligibility (ongoing);

One committee member moderated teen listserv (ongoing);

One committee member added new publisher contacts and sent information to new publisher members (ongoing);

Three committee members sent electronic forms back to group leaders for review before sending to publisher (ongoing);

One committee member maintained information (ongoing)

ACCOMPLISHED = We have done a lot of work on brainstorming format and content.  
Below is as brief a summary of our work and ideas as I can give:

### YALSA Literature Symposium

#### Overarching Theme: YA Literature across the Ages

Dual meanings across time and across age/reading levels

Focus on FIRSTS: First YALSA YA Literature Symposium, Authors who won Printz or Honor with First YA Book.

#### Suggested Target Audience:

Librarians, Library School Students, Teachers.

#### Location for Symposium:

NYC: Strongly suggested because of potential publisher involvement, Bill Morris connection, ease/frequency of air travel. Potential drawback: higher cost of hotels to attendees, may only draw from local areas.

Indianapolis is suggested because you can walk places and the hotels aren't too expensive. Chicago requires cabs and is expensive. We think more teachers and librarians come if we have it in the middle of the country, but we also think that we'll have substantially less publisher involvement.

Potentially "attach" Symposium to another event, but we don't want it to detract from the Symposium excitement.

#### Length of Symposium:

Day and a half to two days: allows for enough content to be worth expense and allows for ease of attendance (not too long) with longer stays if desired

Big kickoff event on Friday and then all day on Saturday: allows people to travel on Sunday: allows people who cannot get time off during work schedules to attend; hinders attendance by those who don't want to do attend such programs on weekends (not going to please everyone!)

#### Format of Symposium:

Keynote address

Special meal events with speakers

Authors and librarians as moderators/interviewers: focus on authors - people want to hear the author speak, not necessarily the moderator

Concurrent Breakout sessions, attendees' choice

#### Speakers for Symposium:

Main keynoter, meal speakers, program speakers

General feeling - include HC author for major keynote address; honor the HC/Bill Morris Legacy, Printz authors, Printz authors with HC connection, Printz authors who won with first (YA) book.

Cost Structure for Symposium: Similar to other Conferences

- Reduced costs for YALSA members, students
- Provide one or two Symposium Scholarships (who would come up with criteria?)
- Build in an amount to go into Bill Morris Fund to plan for future events
- Package deal for Symposium and special meal events

Sponsors for Symposium:

- SLJ very interested (they used the term “partnering”). Contact: Brian Kenney
- Publishers of invited authors (perhaps cover travel/hotel expenses, provide goodie bags for attendees, sponsor specific meal event)
- Other review/professional journals

General Ideas:

- Catherine Balkin to introduce Bill Morris Legacy/Tribute
- Strong focus/presence of Printz award winners help further recognition for award and winners
- Have survey/feedback for attendees to complete. Survey would include suggestions for authors/speakers, topics, locations, etc.
- Have annotated reading lists available ahead of time. If themed programs, include across the theme. If author-focused, include author booklist (i.e. if first time authors/Printz winners, include that list).
- Special events sponsors □ either at an extra cost to attendees, or fully covered by sponsors.
- Have students submit papers to be considered for publication in connection with symposium. Selected entries to receive free admission to next symposium.
- Students and attendees submit scholarly papers on topics covered at symposium to be published by YALSA.
- Stay away from political speakers.
- Limit authors who write for adults and then enter YA market; unless feel really strongly about inclusion.
- Have raffle for winner to get author visit to school/library (need to get publisher and author buy-in on this)
- Raffle for collection of books by authors present at Symposium
- Raffle for YALSA membership

**SATURDAY:**

8:30-10:30 am: Breakfast with a speaker (ticketed event for about \$15)

Speaker could be author from one of our panels: Thought here is that author we select to facilitate each of the other programs could be the meal speaker (for each meal event). Again, it gives these WOW authors a chance to present to the entire group. The meal speakers could be the threads that tie the entire program together. Other suggestion is to have authors representing different genres, suggested by publishers and selected by Task Force/YALSA.

10:45-Noon: Two different panels, concurrently\*

Authors who have won a Printz with their first books

Authors across the Ages: Perhaps two who crossover from J into YA and two that write for YA into older YA/adult

12:00-2:00 pm: Lunch with a speaker (ticketed event for about \$20)

Speaker could be author from one of our afternoon panels

2:15-3:30 pm: Two different panels, concurrently\*

Novels in verse

Non-fiction (perhaps paired with historical fiction) exercises as a parent's A

3:45-5:00 pm: A panel, with someone offering concluding remarks

**SUNDAY:**

8:30-10:30 am: Breakfast with a speaker (ticketed event for about \$15)

10:45-Noon: A tribute panel to Bill – I'm suggesting we end it with this, and those not interested can schedule their flights home a bit earlier. We might even advertise this as a "special panel for Bill's old friends."

General Ideas for authors/topics:YYf

Invite the publishing community to submit YA author names for consideration. For example, we

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