

**YALSA Board of Directors
2021 Annual Conference, Virtual
June 26, 2021**

Topic: *JRLYA* Editor Report

Background: Robin A. Moeller, the member editor of *JRLYA*, has provided the Board with a semi-annual report. The journal is YALSA’s peer-reviewed, open source research journal, launched in November 2010 as part of the Board’s strategy for addressing the research goal in the strategic plan.

Action Required: Consent

Updates

1. Issues Published During the Reporting Period

Volume 12, number 1 was published in June and comprised of two manuscripts. The paper acceptance rate for the term between January and May was 17%, with six submissions having been considered during the reporting period and one accepted for publication. One additional manuscript, submitted in June, is currently under review. If accepted, the anticipated publication date for this paper will be late fall, 2021.

2. Current Issues/Difficulties

As it has been noted in the past, finding enough research papers of publishable quality to fill issues continues to be a struggle. The outgoing *JRLYA* Advisory Board identified a focus on “access” in a call for a thematic issue of the journal, with the hope that that issue would have been published in the Spring; however, the journal did not receive any quality submissions that were related to that topic.