

**YALSA Board of Directors
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Topic: May Quarterly Chair Reports

Following reports were not submitted:

- Executive Report and Presidential Advisory Taskforce
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Amanda Barnhart

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Group: Advocacy Listening Session task force

Chair's Name: Kerry Townsend

Board Liaison:

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Committee charge: The 2019-20 Standing Board Committee on Advocacy would like to propose a task force be created to learn more about the advocacy needs of library staff and teens in preparation to make YALSA resources accessible and relevant.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We completed listening sessions and summarized the findings.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Outreach/Collaboration
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? As we understand, it our work is complete. Please let us know if there is more you would like us to accomplish.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Via report

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3

What can YALSA do to help your committee? I believe this work could (and would have been more thorough!) have been embedded in the larger YALSA focus group sessions held this spring.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: It was challenging to

recruit listening session participants. Our group's participation was excellent. The team was very committed and should be commended!

Additional Concerns or Comments:

My report can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16OAOkgwZH7vtcPBm1hATexOoYKtZUnAmSUX8SdJKQqA/edit>.

Thank you for choosing us for this work!

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

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Group: Social Media Marketing Task Force

Chair's Name: Christine Pyles

Board Liaison: Amanda Barnhart

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: This group will be responsible for using social media to widely market YALSA selection lists (Amazing Audiobooks, Best Fiction for Young Adults, Great Graphic Novels, and Quick Picks) for the current and previous years and the Teens' Top Ten list. The chair of the task force will work with the Manager of the HUB and the selection list coordinators in this endeavor. This is a year-long, virtual opportunity with the opportunity to renew for one year. Task force size: 5 - 7 members, including the chair. Term: One year

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

Since the last report, the task force got to work supporting the Selected Lists, assisting with YALSA's strategic planning process, promoting webinars and training archives, posting about the Symposium, member recognition and more!

Our work truly began on March 1, when the selected list blog posts started to hit The Hub. Members are assigned on a rotating basis (typically four weeks assigned to a list before rotating to a new list) to write tweets related to the selected lists nominees, specifically the titles listed under Other Nominated Titles. The committee has composed 106 tweets in support of the selected lists resulting in 32 comments, 378 retweets, and 1172 likes. Below is the breakdown per selected list through 5/7/21.

BFYA

25 tweets

121 retweets

12 comments

374 likes

Quick Picks

8 tweets

22 retweets

2 comments

60 likes

Amazing Audiobooks

47 tweets

143 retweets

8 comments

435 likes

Great Graphic Novels

26 tweets

92 retweets

10 comments
303 likes

In addition, I was involved in the Strategic Planning process including tweeting about the #YALSACHat and assisting with developing questions for the chat. Task force member Angela Steele and myself were both present and involved with the #YALSACHat. Tammy has asked me to provide regular Twitter content related to the Snack and Chat webinar archive. Adamma asked me to tweet about the Symposium registration and I took the initiative to post regularly about the May 13 members webinar. We've also tweeted in response to some of YALSA's press releases to recognize members and tweeted about selected list field suggestions.

All tweets are reviewed and edited before publishing and published by the Chair using HootSuite or Twitter.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? All of the members have agreed to stay on board through the end of August. I will spend the next week drafting the Board document to turn the task force into a strategic committee. In addition, I will draft an assignment list for selected list work until the end of August. We will continue to tweet in support of the "other nominated titles" associated with each blog post.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I don't have any specific news to share with YALSA members about the the group.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

We have faced some challenges. Some members don't know how to approach writing about a book they haven't read -- this has been vocalized to me by one member but I've also seen it through incomplete work. Some members write half a tweet or record the twitter usernames for authors, narrators, and publisher without completing the tweet. This has resulted in me writing a lot of the tweets to get the content out in a timely manner. I have provided members with screenshots of successful tweets created by fellow members as examples, pointing out the features of an effective tweet. For the future, I would like to create a style guide with best practices.

The week before our assignments rotate, I send emails out to everyone reminding them and requesting that they work ahead. I've also been in close communication with selected list coordinators to make sure we have blogged titles ahead of time. I have had to remind one member in particular more than I think I should have to. I've received apologies but I have not seen an improvement in attention to work. I understand that everyone has different levels of responsibility in their day jobs and that this is a volunteer gig. Amanda -- please email or call me for more details.

I assess that there is about one hour of work each week for each member (non-chair) and it doesn't matter to me when they do it as long as it is done by 8am on the due date. As the chair, I spend about 3 hours a week on my duties. If I need to write additional tweets for missed assignments from members, it could be about 5 hours total work. I think this information is helpful when seeking applicants for future iterations of the task force.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: Taskforce for Promoting Success in Underrepresented Groups

Chair's Name: David Wang

Board Liaison: Amanda Barnhart

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Considering the Teen Services Competencies for Library Staff and the EDI Statement and EDI Plan, this task force will assess existing pathways to professional success and involvement within YALSA for underrepresented groups.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have been working on our recommendations document in the last three months from March-May 2021.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Outreach/Collaboration
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We hope to finalize our recommendations and prescriptive ideas in the next six weeks. [before June 15, 2021]

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will share it by submitting a document to Amanda Barnhart and Tammy Dillard-Steels.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Help bridge the divide between individual committees working towards the same goal.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: We unfortunately lost 3 out of our 7 members in late February due to paperwork issues. At this point, we hope to complete our work with the four members we have.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Kate Denier

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Group: Financial Advancement Committee

Chair's Name: Traci Glass

Board Liaison: Kate Denier

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Provide oversight and continued enhancement of the Friends of YALSA program, including promotion, fundraising and donor recognition. Work with the Board and staff year-round to create and implement virtual fundraising campaigns and fundraising efforts at conferences, aimed at both members and others, to support the \$19,595 worth of member scholarships and stipends YALSA gives out annually. Periodically review YALSA's Fundraising Toolkit and make updates, as needed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We were able to meet the past three months with most members participating in all of the meetings. I updated them on YALSA staff movement, alerted them to the extension of the deadline for applying to be Chair or remaining on the FAC, we wrote thank you notes for donors, the winner of the YALSA author visit raffle was announced in the e-news, blog posts continue.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Fund & Partner Development

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will be continuing to write blog posts and thank donors. Additionally, we have been brainstorming hotspot ideas as part of our 2021 donor campaign.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I've been asked to present as part of YALSA's President program by Amanda and we will continue to write blog posts.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Kelly Czarnecki

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Group: YALSA/YALS Editorial Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Yolanda Hood

Board Liaison: Kelly Czarnecki

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To serve as advisor to the co-chairs of the Advisory Board, the editor of YALS and the YALSAblog Member Manager, on the overall content of the journal and blog. To

take an active role in determining content for both publications and an annual editorial calendar that identifies timely topics as well as authors for articles and blog

posts. To create messages and content to promote the blog and the journal and to cross -populate each to highlight the content and focus of each publication. To work

to ensure that key YALSA guidelines, resources, initiatives, etc. are integrated into the blog and the journal. To assist with the search process for a new editor or

member manager, when appropriate.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

- Tess Wilson will be the guest editor for the Summer 2021 issue of YALS
- The theme of the Summer 2021 issue will be *Adulting 101: Building Life Skills for Teen Futures*
- YALSAblog will collaborate with other ALA groups to present a series of posts addressing trans rights
- Many new YALSA volunteer opportunities were posted to the blog
- Leah Weyand was recruited to help ensure timely posts of YALSA content on the blog

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Outreach/Collaboration

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

- Tess and Leah will continue to post to the blog
- Tess will continue to recruit new contributors for the blog
- YALS Summer 2021 will be edited and published before Fall 2021

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? - Tess and Yolanda will publish the Summer 2021 issue and share it out with the YALSA community

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

Susannah Goldstein

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Group: Selection List Oversight Committee

Chair's Name: Celeste Swanson

Board Liaison: Susannah Goldstein

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To ensure efficient functioning of YALSA's selection list committees. To help interpret existing policy for committee operations based on a thorough knowledge of YALSA policy, committee operation, background, and experience. To collect, analyze and respond to quarterly chair reports. To summarize, analyze and evaluate periodically for the YALSA Board the progress and concerns of the selection list committees. To facilitate communication among selection list committees and to identify common areas of concern and identify solutions. To coordinate training and orientation for incoming committee members. To note particular abilities of committee members in the work of the organization and to share this information with the Board and nominating committees.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

April 17- the Selection List Oversight Committee (SLOC) met with the chairs of each of the selection lists committees. In our meeting, we discussed potential policy/procedure changes and ideas for what to include in the universal manual for selection list chairs. We will use this feedback to help guide our work on these two projects.

May 13- Four members of the Selection List Oversight Committee (Tina Lernø, Erin Durrett, Jessica Hilbun Schwartz, and Rebecca Baldwin) led a webinar for the YALSA monthly webinar series. In their presentation, they led a discussion about what it takes to serve on one of the committees and also shared advice for YALSA members who might be interested in volunteering. The presenters received many thoughtful questions from viewers, and Erin, Tina, and Jessica did a fantastic job answering these questions.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our work plan for the next three months will be to focus on developing the universal manual for selection list chairs. The goal of the manual will be to ensure that each committee is following the same guidelines, especially in regards to eligibility and confidentiality. We will also work on updating the policy and procedures for each selection list committee. We hope to be able to present these changes to the YALSA Board in Fall 2021.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We are planning to put together a blog post to highlight the work of the committee.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Dawn Kirkpatrick

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Group: Addressing Institutional Bias and Racism in Libraries

Chair's Name: Eric Schoenbaechler

Board Liaison: Todd Krueger

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Considering the Teen Services Competencies for Library Staff and the EDI Statement and EDI Plan, this task force will create and distribute materials to help

members better serve diverse youth and to address issues of institutional bias and racism in their libraries.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The committee completed planning and successfully hosted a virtual summit with 5 YA participants as panelists. The summit was moderated by Task Force member Kiera Vargas and was open to YALSA members and non-members. Panelists were asked questions about how welcome they feel in libraries, what could change to better suit their needs, and why they think some teens choose not to visit libraries. The summit was recorded and is available to view on YouTube.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)
- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? The group intends to complete a template, reflecting the planning and execution of this virtual summit, which can then be used by other libraries or organizations to host similar programs in their facilities or communities.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The completed summit planning template will be shared with YALSA members.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments: Our small task force worked diligently these past three months to ensure a worthwhile and successful program. We were all pleased with the result.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: Book Awards Oversight Committee

Chair's Name: Kim Dare

Board Liaison: Todd Krueger

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To ensure efficient functioning of YALSA's award committees. To advise committee chairs on recommended procedures for committee operations based on a thorough knowledge of YALSA policy, committee operation, background, and experience. To collect, analyze and respond to quarterly chair reports. To summarize, analyze and evaluate periodically for the YALSA Board the progress and concerns of the award committees. To facilitate communication among award committees and to identify common areas of concern and identify solutions. To coordinate training and orientation for in-coming committee members. To note particular abilities of committee members in the work of the organization and to share this information with the Board and nominating committees.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

We have been in regular contact within our committee, and with the award committee chairs with whom we liaise. We facilitated a meeting of the award committee chairs on March 22 to allow chairs and their committee members the opportunity to ask questions about what to expect over the coming year, drawing heavily on the Oversight Committee members' experiences with the past two virtual conferences. Several of the chairs have reached out to their liaisons with eligibility questions, which have been answered.

One chair recently had an online review published (submitted before she learned she would be chair). Since it was about a title that is eligible within her committee, she worked with the School Library Connection review editor to have it taken down.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Outreach/Collaboration
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

* We will maintain regular contact with the award committee chairs, addressing any concerns in a timely manner.

* We will make recommendations as requested to the Board regarding modifications that might be needed for future award committees within the framework of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, and given the continuing impacts of COVID-19.

* I will participate in the YALSA President's Program during June's Annual Virtual Conference, discussing how the Book Awards Oversight Committee's work was shaped through the DEI lens over the past year.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? N/A-- we are a behind-the-scenes committee

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Todd is extremely responsive as our Board Liaison. I hadn't realized until recently that YALSA will be partnering with REFORMA and ALSC on the Pura Belpré Award now that a young adult author will be specifically recognized each year. He has brought me up to speed on our newest award committee. Although we will not provide oversight until YALSA chairs the 2023 committee, it would be helpful to have a copy of the revised manual-- the manual linked to the Pura Belpré Award under the ALSC website is still the 2015 version. YALSA's awards webpage does not yet list Pura Belpré.

A "Who's who" list of YALSA staff would be very helpful to members of various YALSA committees in light of recent changes. I'm not sure who our current staff liaison is.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: No concerns-- Rachel Adams, Rob Bittner, Emily Townsend, and Maryanne Olson are rockstars!

Additional Concerns or Comments: None

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Karen Lemmons

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Group: Education Advisory Committee

Chair's Name: Sarah Amber Evans

Board Liaison: Karen Lemmons

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The role of the Education Advisory Committee is to assist with providing appropriate and timely topics for continuing education offerings to the Executive Director and Program Officer for Continuing Education and Development and to identify qualified individuals to facilitate continuing education sessions.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Our outcomes are the continuation of the monthly member webinars as well as one snack and chat meeting. Topics included teen mental health and institutional bias in libraries.

What topics in the Organizational Plan were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen

Services

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Many of the members will phase off the committee at the end of June and new members will join us in July. With the new committee, we will construct documents to help us establish guidelines and procedures for the EAC work in the future.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Just the next webinars. YALSA communications advertises for us.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Nothing specific. Continue to guide us in what is most desired and needed in our function.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: This has been rough for two reasons. First, I, as chair, have not been diligent about regularly reaching out. Second, when I do reach out, most members have not responded. I suspect this is because of ongoing pandemic stress. I also think members aren't always diligent in following the ALA Connect messages. I find this the most efficient way to conduct YALSA business, since we all already have too much direct email. Perhaps we could specifically advise this for committees??

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

Melissa McBride

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Group: The Hub Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Sara Beth Coffman

Board Liaison: Charli Osborne

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The Hub Advisory Board participates in the development and maintenance of the Hub and follows the guidelines for the site as set out by the YALSA Board of Directors. The Advisory Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Manager of the site and assists with the collection of content for the site, generates ideas for content, works on getting teen and librarian input and feedback, facilitates marketing and PR as needed, and writes for the site as needed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

In the past three months, the board has met monthly to consider such changes as how best to keep the Selected Lists updated and to discuss new coverage and content for the blog. Each board member has agreed to generate ideas and write a post for the blog, and most members want to continue serving on the board in the upcoming year.

On The Hub, we have maintained a posting schedule with the Selected Lists content M-TH and interviews and themed posts on Friday. Our readership remains strong with new subscribers every week. The Hub Challenge launched in March, and members are submitting followup content now.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? maintain steady post schedule with Friday content; work with YALSA team on Juneteenth content; attendance at ALA annual (virtual);

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? daily posts, shared through Social Media and emailed to subscribers; links shared in weekly YALSA email

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? get PHP updated for WordPress site to function fully

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Abigail Phillips

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Group: Research Committee

Chair's Name: Adrienne Strock

Board Liaison: Abigail Phillips

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To stimulate, encourage, guide, and direct the research needs of the field of young adult library services, and to regularly compile abstracts, disseminate research findings, update YALSA's National Research Agenda as needed.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

- Held meetings in Marcy & May

- Completed our pandemic survey, wrote blurbs for the blog and e-news letter, worked with YALSA staff to get it ready (pending launch)

- Began a "literature review" of popular journals and magazines dealing with young adults in libraries. We're pulling article themes from 2019-2020 for the next committee as a lit review to survey the landscape of content within these types of journals and magazines.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We are winding down our time on the committee and are primarily working on the lit review. We'd like to review the survey results, too, once those are available. Ideally, we'd also be able to pull those results into some sort of summary for the next committee.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Survey promotion through a blog post and e-news blurb

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 3

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

Colleen Seisser

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Group: Teen Programming HQ

Chair's Name: Megan Camero

Board Liaison: Colleen Seisser

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

The purpose of the site is to allow educators and library staff to find and share library programs for and with teens as well as to connect with others who plan, implement and evaluate teen programs. Programs featured on this site are those that align with the standards in YALSA's Teen Programming Guidelines.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Megan Camero was recently (March 2021) appointed as the Teen Programming HQ manager, and has, since accepting the position, been working with Colleen Seisser, Tammy Dillard-Steels, Adamma Ihemeson, and Letitia Smith to get caught up to date on where the previous manager, Dawn Abron, had left off with their work. She was filled in on the survey that had been sent out, shown the details of the survey, and was informed that there will also be a volunteer task force/board created to help with the workload of running the website.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Outreach/Collaboration

- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other: There was a Teen Programming HQ Survey sent out prior to Megan joining as Manager.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Continue to catch Megan up on the previous happenings to ensure she is a successful manager.

Prepare for the volunteer board, & prepare to welcome the volunteers, as well as have key items to discuss with the new board.

We will continue to figure out the best direction for Teen Programming HQ.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Any new news we have on our new volunteer board, the direction we're planning on heading, and what we plan on doing to help Teen Programming HQ grow.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Unsure at this time, due to the transition period.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None at this time.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None at this time.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: Teens' Top Ten

Chair's Name: Jessica M Lorentz Smith

Board Liaison: Colleen Seisser

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: I am not sure where this is posted as I never actually received an official roster of my committee and I can't seem to locate the function of this task force on the website.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? I asked my group to keep an eye on the TTT ALA connect thread and watch what the groups were reading to see what teen readers are saying. I didn't hear anything from my group in response to that request, or concerns about the titles that were receiving reviews. I looked and found that based on the spreadsheets, the titles that are on my radar are getting read.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Outreach/Collaboration
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? I think that we want to contribute in any way we can. I will continue to monitor communications on ALA connect to determine what else we can do to promote the TTT as we move into summer.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? none at this time.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 5: Not Accomplished

What can YALSA do to help your committee? I am not sure that this committee is necessary for the success of TTT. It appears to me that each of the group advisors are working to promote the titles, which are both submitted physically and through e-galleys. The chair of the advisor group is helping to maintain the time line and I think that we as YALSA members and library staff just then need to promote the voting to our teens from 25 titles down to the top 10.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: Symposium Planning and Marketing Taskforce

Chair's Name: Scot Smith

Board Liaison: Ms. Valerie Tagoe

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To assist YALSA's Program Officer with the planning and marketing of the conference , including vetting papers and proposals, vetting scholarship applications, assisting the Program Officer with identifying authors and keynote speakers , and leveraging social media tools to promote the event and scholarship opportunities, and more. Members will regularly share content via social media and through their state and local networks to build excitement for and share information about the event.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We have just completed two of the major tasks for this committee. We have evaluated the proposals submitted for the Symposium and have created the author panels and themes for the Opening and Closing sessions as well as the Morris panel based on the "pitches" we received from the publishers.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Leading the Transformation of Teen Services

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Our plan is to start to publicize the symposium more and work on other elements of the symposium. We will need to evaluate the scholarship applications and organize the final schedule for the sessions.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and

how will you share it? We will publicize the authors and sessions via social media, the YASLA website, and YALSA e-news.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee? At this point, we are good.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: One member of the taskforce--Katie Pattereson--has not been participating in our activities. I have emailed her several times but have not received a reply.

Additional Concerns or Comments: Will YALSA hire a program officer to replace Nichole O'Connor?

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

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Group: Research Journal Advisory Board

Chair's Name: Charlie Gluck

Board Liaison: Josie Watanabe

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: Oversee the peer reviewing process as outlined in the Refereeing Process Guidelines as approved by the YALSA Board of Directors. The JRLYA Board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Member Editor of the journal by assisting with the solicitation of contributors and articles as well as generating ideas for topical articles or themes, when requested from the Member Editor.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? continued independently reviewing manuscripts and worked with YALSA leadership to identify additional databases to approach about indexing JRLYA.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Advocacy

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Outreach/Collaboration
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We're finalizing the next call for submissions which board members will share on multiple listservs through YALSA and elsewhere. Members will continue independently reviewing manuscripts until the end of their term in June.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? As mentioned above, we're updating our call for submissions and will plan to share it online through multiple listervs and webspaces, including traditional YALSA channels.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee? I learned that Tim Clifford will now oversee JRLYA (along with other YALSA-affiliated journals) and hope that he can continue to advocate for JRLYA getting indexed in additional databases.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: In general, response rates from members the past several months have been low. Much of JRLYA's work is independent and asynchronous, so this isn't particularly unusual.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

BLOGGING TEAMS

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Group: Amazing Audiobooks

Chair's Name: Cathy Outten

Liaison(s): Sara Beth Coffman (Oversight committee Jessica Hilbun Schwartz)

Committee Jury or Task Force 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.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? In the last three months, our team has met three times via Zoom. We have communicated via Slack and email. We have listened to 42 titles and determined which should be nominated and which should be shelved. Our blog posts have been published weekly on the Wednesdays on the Hub. We have coordinated with the Social Media group to get our posts and other nominees shared on Twitter.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

Continue listening, discussing, and writing about audiobooks. Seeking a diverse array of books to listen to. Also preparing blog posts.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Our work will continue to be shared on The Hub weekly.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

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Group: Best Fiction for Young Adults

Chair's Name: Allie Stevens

Liaison(s): Sara Beth Coffman (Oversight committee – Rebecca Baldwin, Pat Coutts)

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: YALSA's Best Fiction for Young Adults Blogging Team presents fiction titles published for young adults in the past 14 months that are recommended reading for ages 12 to 18.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The team continued to nominate and second-read titles for the BFYA list. We currently have 60 official nominations and several more waiting on approval, which puts us on track with the BFYA2021 data. We have released a featured review along with 2-4 other nominations per week since early March, and have held monthly book discussion meetings. We have been writing our own Tweets for the YALSA Twitter which have been seeing great engagement. All members of the team have been responsive and engaged.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)

- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue with nominations and monthly meetings until after ALA Annual Conference in June, at which point we will begin meeting twice a month. We anticipate having at least as many nominations as BFYA2021 (125) or perhaps a few more.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will continue to share a weekly featured review post along with other 2-4 nominees per week, on the Hub and on Twitter.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee? We are now using member Zoom accounts to schedule our meetings because we were not receiving a response from YALSA.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: I have no participate concerns at this time.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: Great Graphic Novels for Teens

Chair's Name: Crystal Chen

Liaison(s): Sara Beth Coffman, Oversight Committee (Tina Lerno, Erin Durrett)

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

Great Graphic Novels for Teens is a list of recommended graphic novels and illustrated nonfiction for those ages 12-18, prepared yearly by YALSA.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months?

In the last three months, the committee has read, evaluated, and nominated graphic novels submitted for consideration. In addition to compiling a list of nominees, the committee has met monthly to discuss nominated titles and provided The Hub with weekly blog posts.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- PR/Promotion (blog post, YALS article, e-news item, etc)
- Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months?

The committee will continue to read, evaluate, and nominate graphic novels; prepare weekly blog posts; and meet on a monthly basis for a group discussion of nominated titles.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it?

We will continue to share information about nominated titles through The Hub blog posts.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? YALSA has been helpful with scheduling the Zoom meetings and being available for questions.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: Everyone has been participating, communicating, and staying engaged.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: 2022 Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers Blogging Team

Chair's Name: Molly Dettmann

Liaison(s): Sara Beth Coffman (Oversight committee Molly Wetta)

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To prepare an annual annotated list of recommended books appropriate for reluctant young adult readers. The list is for young adults (ages 12-18) who, for whatever reasons, do not like to read. The purpose of this list is to identify titles for recreational reading, not for curricular or remedial use.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? The Quick Picks team has worked to publish weekly featured blog posts since March and have officially nominated about 30 titles.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Resource Development (toolkit, wiki page, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to feature blog posts each week about nominated Quick Picks titles and nominate titles.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We will share nominated titles via blog posts on The Hub

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Nothing

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

AWARD COMMITTEES

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Group: 2022 Morris YA Debut Award

Chair's Name: Patty Gonzales Ramirez

Liaison: Emily McKnight (Book Awards Oversight Committee)

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To annually select the best literary debut from authors writing for young adult readers, available in English in the United States during the preceding eligibility year, and, if warranted, to also select honor titles. The short list of finalists will be announced during the first week of December, with the winning title announced at the following ALA Midwinter Conference/ New January Event. The winner and honor authors will be recognized at an ALA or YALSA Conference

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Currently, the committee is reading and nominating titles that fit the criteria of the 2022 William C. Morris YA Debut Award. The committee is also reading field nominations of books. The committee has set a schedule to meet three times in the month of June to continue our discussion of titles.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.:

- Continuing Education (webinar, video, program, etc)

- Member Engagement (Twitter chat, contest, survey, etc)

other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to search and recommend debut novels that fit the criteria that has been set by YALSA's William C Morris YA Debut Award. To accept nominations from the field as

received and vetted for accuracy to the criteria.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? The chair will share any nominations received and work to locate titles for the group. Initiate discussions on new titles and encourage nominations of YA debut novels.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Emily has been and enormous help in providing information on novels that may not be debuts. She continues to keep in touch with the chair and provides insight when asked.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: We had one member who was unable to meet for a meeting, but followed up and the end of the meeting for details on topics covered. She has not missed any other Zoom calls and is very active in emails.

Additional Concerns or Comments: None at this time. The committee is very involved in searching out debut novels and sharing with the committee.

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: 2022 Excellence In Nonfiction Award Committee

Chair's Name: Alicia Abdul

Liaison: Kim Dare

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: YALSA's Award for Excellence in Nonfiction honors the best nonfiction book published for young adults (ages 12-18) during a Nov. 1 – Oct. 31 publishing year. The winner is announced annually at the ALA Youth Media Awards, with a shortlist of up to five titles named the first week of December.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? Evaluation of best nonfiction for official nomination and discussion via video Meets in addition to email communication.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Advocacy

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Outreach/Collaboration
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to evaluate of best nonfiction for official nomination and discussion via video Meets in addition to email communication.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? Advertisement to submit field nominations

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.:

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: Margaret A Edwards Award Committee

Chair's Name: Craig Santiago

Liaison: Kim Dare(Book Awards Oversight Committee)

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: To select a living author or co-author whose book or books, over a period of time, have been accepted by young people as an authentic voice that continues to illuminate their experiences and emotions, giving insight into their lives. The book or books should enable them to understand themselves, the world in which they live, and their relationship with others and with society.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We held a virtual Zoom meeting in which we introduced ourselves and got to know each other's backgrounds and strengths. We laid out the timeline and work that had to be down over the course of the year and dividing the tasks in manageable chunks. Since our initial meeting we have begun our reading of the initial nominee list. Questions were still raised on eligibility with clarification

that came from the liaison and chair of the committee.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.:

- Leading the Transformation of Teen Services
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Outreach/Collaboration
other:

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We plan to read 2-3 of each of the authors books from our initial nominees by the end of July. After that we will have a meeting to discuss who will move on to the next round and read the rest of that author's books. We are to take notes on each of the books we've read to bring to our next Zoom meeting in July.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? We are working on our first round of nominees and their books while also holding lively discussions on eligibility. We will then have a Zoom committee meeting at the end of July to see who moves on to the next round.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Continue the amazing support and response time to any and all emails. They have been very helpful and clarify all of my questions.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: We had one person miss our initial Zoom video, but she was given the recording and was able to still connect with the rest of the group since then.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes

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Group: ALEX Award Committee

Chair's Name: Michael Fleming

Liaison: Maryanne Olson

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement: The function statement of the Member Group is: To select and provide annotations for ten books from the previous year's publications written for adults which have special appeal for young adults, ages 12 through 18, and to compile and annotate a list of official nominees.

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We meet every third Sunday of the month, to check in, discuss our new nominees, make sure everyone is getting enough books and feeling supported. We have 10 nominated titles as of now, and many more under consideration. So far, so good.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: We discuss Equity issues and representation whenever we discuss books, and it informs how we select them too.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? Continue to read and nominate, meet once a month. I'm checking in personally with each member, to make sure things are going smoothly for them. Committee members are encouraged to read off the official nominees list half and half with new reading, so that no one gets too far behind.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? I don't think we are allowed to share any information until release of our awards in January at MidWinter.

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 2

What can YALSA do to help your committee? I am going to talk to my liaison, just so that I know what is coming up. I am afraid of missing a deadline that I am not even aware of. I would love YALSA to tell me when I have things coming up, so I can make sure I am ready. I'd like to know all deadlines for the rest of my time as chairperson. Is that doable?

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None so far

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? No

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Group: Printz

Chair's Name: Janet W. Hilbun

Liaison: Robert Bittner (Book Awards Oversight Committee)

Committee Jury or Task Force Function Statement:

To select from the previous year's publications the best young adult book ("best" being defined solely in terms of literary merit) and, if the Committee so decides, as many as four Honor Books. The Committee will also have the opportunity for input into the oversight and planning of the Printz Awards Program. Committee size: 9, plus a consultant from the staff of Booklist, and an administrative assistant if requested.

(Not on roster. Hope this is what you want.)

What were the outcomes or results of your group's work in the past three months? We meet monthly via Zoom. As a group, we discuss how we want to proceed as far as keeping in contact, keeping track of books, things that would help them (i.e. I send out a list of any books that have received stars whenever we get books from publishers since this is easier for them than trying to find them on the very long master list), Mostly, though, we discuss the book that have been nominated, books that we might nominate but would like a second reader, and books that we are currently reading. The committee has developed a real bond and we easily reach a consensus on items (i.e. do we want books assigned or just read what we want. Consensus was "no, but make sure that everyone is listing books read or being read on Master List). We have 10 nominations with several more pending. I will be requesting several books from publishers that have been nominated, but we haven't received.

What topics in the [Organizational Plan](#) were addressed? Select as many as apply.: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Which strategies were used for the above action areas? Select as many as apply.: Other (Please explain below)

other: As our work is private, we really haven't done much as far as the organizational plan, but the books nominated have a great deal of equity, diversity, and inclusion--as does our committee.

What is your group's workplan for the next three months? We will continue to read, nominate, and discuss books. We will set our meeting times for Annual. I will request several books from publishers that have been nominated that we haven't received.

What news or information related to your group do you plan to share with YALSA members in the next three months and how will you share it? None other than we are working hard and reading a lot!

Rate your group's effectiveness over the past three months.: 1: Accomplished Exceedingly Well

What can YALSA do to help your committee? Who is our new Board Liaison? I miss Nichole.

Please list any participation concerns, including unexcused absences, and how you addressed them.: None. It is an excellent and committed committee.

Additional Concerns or Comments:

Were you able to touch base with your board liaison since your last report? Yes