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Young Adult Library Services Association

Membership as of August 31, 1994

Organization members	406
Personal members	1,776
Total	2,182

Ann C. Weeks, Executive director
Linda Waddle, Deputy executive director

Vision Statement

In every library in the nation, quality library service to young adults is provided by a staff that understands and respects the unique informational, educational and recreational needs of teenagers. Equal access to information, services and materials is recognized as a right, not a privilege. Young adults are actively involved in the library decision-making process. The library staff collaborates and cooperates with other youth-serving agencies to provide a holistic, community-wide network of activities and services that support healthy youth development.

To ensure that this vision becomes a reality, the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA):

1. advocates extensive and developmentally appropriate library and information services for young adults, ages 12 to 18;
2. promotes reading and supports the literacy movement;
3. advocates the use of information and communications technologies to provide effective library service;
4. supports equality of access to the full range of library materials and services, including existing and emerging information and communications technologies, for young adults;
5. provides education and professional development to enable its members to serve as effective advocates for young people;
6. fosters collaboration and partnerships among its individual members with the library community and other groups involved in providing library and information services to young adults;

7. influences public policy by demonstrating the importance of providing library and information services that meet the unique needs and interests of young adults;

8. encourages research and is in the vanguard of new thinking concerning the provision of library and information services for youth.

Goal Statement

The goal of the Young Adult Library Services Association is to advocate, promote, and strengthen service to young adults as part of the continuum of total library service. The following concerns and activities are interdependent in fulfilling the goal of YALSA. The Young Adult Library Services Association:

1. Advocates the young adult's right to free and equal access to materials and services, and assists librarians in handling problems of such access.
2. Evaluates and promotes materials of interest to adolescents through special services, programs, and publications, except for those materials designed specifically for curriculum use.
3. Identifies research needs related to young adult service and communicates those needs to the library academic community in order to activate research projects.
4. Stimulates and promotes the development of librarians and other staff working with young adults through formal and continuing education.
5. Stimulates and promotes the expansion of young adult service among professional associations and agencies at all levels.
6. Represents the interests of librarians and staff working with young adults to all relevant agencies, governmental or private, and to industries that serve young adults as clients or consumers.
7. Creates and maintains communication links with other units of the ALA whose developments affect service to young adults.

Board of Directors

Pres., Jennifer Jung Gallant (1996); pres.-elect, Patricia Muller (1997); past pres., Judith A. Druse (1995); Michael Cart

(1997); Elizabeth E. Elam (1995); Lesley S. J. Farmer (1996); Patrick Scott Jones (1996); Amy L. Oxley (1995); Joel Shoemaker (1997); div. councilor, Pamela R. Klipsch (1995); ex officio: Gayle Keresey (1995); Pamela G. Spencer (1995); Helen A. Vandersluis (1995); exec. dir., Ann C. Weeks.

Executive Committee

To act for the Board of Directors between Board meetings on items that require interim action; to review agendas for the Board meetings and to make recommendations to the Board regarding items reviewed and under consideration by the Board; to review YALSA activities and programs and recommend division priorities in relation to activities and programs.

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Publication

Journal of Youth Services in Libraries_ (quarterly). Sent to all YALSA members. Subscriptions, \$40 a yr. (\$50 Foreign). Issued jointly with ALSC. Eds., Donald J. Kenney and Linda J. Wilson.

COMMITTEES

Best Books for Young Adults

To select from the year's publications those adult and young adult books significant for young adults; to annotate the selected titles.

Ch., Audra L. Caplan (1995); Christine M. Allen (1996); Allan A. Cuseo (1995); Ruth E. Dishnow (1996); Susan R. Farber (1995); Diana Herald (1995); Susan K. Horiuchi (1996); Bonnie Kunzel (1995); S. Chapple Langemack (1995); C. Allen Nichols (1996); Mike L. Printz (1996); Ann C. Sparanese (1995); Jo-Anne T. Weinberg (1996); Billie K. White (1996); Meg Wolf (1996); cons., Sally C. Estes (1995); adm. asst., James M. DeArmey (1995).

Book Wholesalers, Inc./YALSA Collection Development Grant

To select annually in accord with the terms of the grant two

YALSA members who represent a public library and who work directly with young adults, to receive the grant.

Ch., Amy L. Oxley (1995).

Budget and Finance

To prepare and submit a recommended annual budget for the division to the YALSA Board; to advise the YALSA Board on all fiscal matters relating to the division; and to review all activities and programs for fiscal implications.

Ch., Gayle Keresey (1995); Judith A. Druse (1995); Phyllis D. Fisher (1995); Jack Forman (1996); Jennifer Jung Gallant (1996); Caryn G. Sipos (1996).

Conference Grant--Baker & Taylor/YALSA

To select annually in accord with the terms of the grant two young adult librarians who work directly with teenagers (1 school librarian and 1 public library young adult librarian) to receive the grant, which is to provide financial assistance in attending an ALA Annual Conference.

Ch., Susan Meck (1995); Amy L. Oxley (1995); Ann C. Theis (1995).

Division Promotion

To develop and pursue an aggressive and continuous campaign to promote YALSA.

Ch., Elizabeth M. Reed (1995); Janet L. Ake (1995); Juanita R. Foster (1996); Melanie W. Lightbody (1995); Susan J. Rosenkoetter (1995); Cheryl K. Ward (1995).

Econo-Clad/YALSA Award for Young Adult Reading or Literature Program

To select annually, when a suitable winner is indicated, the recipient of the Econo-Clad Award for Young Adult Reading or Literature Program.

Ch., Karlan K. Sick (1995); Jeff Blair (1995); Beryl E. Eber (1996); Catherine M. G. MacRae (1995).

Education

To explore, evaluate, and make recommendations concerning the current status of library school curriculum in regard to library service to young adults. To explore, evaluate, and make recommendations about continuing education for librarians working with young adults. To maintain liaison with the ALA Committee on Library Education and other related ALA units.

Ch., Betty Carter (1995); Mary K. Chelton (1995); Ruth E. Dishnow (1996); Patricia E. Feehan (1996); Carrie Gardner (1995); Christine Jenkins (1996); Elizabeth M. Rosen (1995); Carol Truett (1996); Maureen White (1995).

(Margaret A.) Edwards Award, 1995

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.

Ch., JoAnn G. Mondowney (1995); Cathleen A. Friedmann (1995); Doris C. Losey (1995); Catherine M. G. MacRae (1995); Susan J. Rosenkoetter (1995).

(Margaret A.) Edwards Award, 1996

Ch., Marilee Foglesong (1996); Sharon Bart (1996); Carol A. Fox (1996); Elizabeth C. Parker (1996); Sandra Payne (1996).

Genre Lists

To prepare a revised and updated edition of the genre lists.

The coordinator is to work with chairs and members of the eight Genre List Committees, serving as a consultant to each committee; to edit the annotations for each genre list; and to work with the YALSA office staff to prepare materials for publication.

Coor., Michael Cart (1995).

Fantasy

Ch., Paulette M. Goodman (1996); Golda B. Jordan (1996); Melanie W. Lightbody (1996); Cindy A. Lombardo (1996); Karen F. Morgan (1996); Judith Rodriguez (1996); Edna V. Weeks (1996).

Humor

Ch., Mary Huebscher (1996); Janet L. Ake (1996); Hazel Moore (1996); Marianne S. Ramirez (1996); Anne C. Raymer (1996); Norma P. St. Amand (1996); Alice F. Stern (1996); Cheryl K. Ward (1996).

Romance

Ch., Judy Sasges (1996); Margaret L. Butzler (1996); Patricia E. Feehan (1996); Diane P. Monnier (1996); Nina D. O'Donnell (1996); Janet P. Sarratt (1996); Evelyn C. Walker (1996).

Sports

Ch., Mary J. Arnold (1996); Ellen Alig Duffy (1996); Andrea M. Howe (1996); Barbara A. Kubinski (1996); Melanie P. Myers (1996); Elizabeth K. Shuping (1996).

Genre Marketing (task force)

To explore ways to market the Genre lists; and to report to the YALSA Board by Midwinter, 1995.

Ch., Candace V. Conklin (1995); Jana R. Fine (1995); Bunni Union (1995).

Intellectual Freedom

To serve as a liaison between the division and the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee and all other groups within the Association concerned with intellectual freedom; to advise the division on matters pertaining to the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the ALA Library Bill of Rights and their implication to library service to young adults and to make recommendations to the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee for changes in policy on issues involving library service to young adults; to prepare and gather materials which will advise the young adult librarian of available services and support for resisting local pressure and community action designed to impair

the rights of young adult users.

Ch., Susan Uebelacker (1995); Barbara T. Balbirer (1996); Betty Carter (1996); Marijo Duncan (1996); Jack Forman (1996); Susan W. Hunter (1996); Judy Sasges (1996); Karlan K. Sick (1996).

"Journal of Youth Services in Libraries" Editorial, ALSC/YALSA (interdivisional) (See p. 38.)

"Journal of Youth Services in Libraries" Evaluation, ALSC/YALSA (ad hoc interdivisional) (See p. 38.)

Legislation

To serve as a liaison between the ALA Legislation Committee and the division. To inform and instruct librarians working with young adults of pending legislation, particularly that which affects young adults, and to encourage the art of lobbying. 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.

Ch., Gary Morrison (1995); Jeri C. Baker (1995); Carole J. De Jardin (1996); Judith G. Flum (1996); Brenda S. Kilmer (1996); Barbara J. Nosanchuk (1996).

Local Arrangements--Chicago, 1995

To handle YALSA local arrangements for the ALA Annual Conference, in close cooperation with the YALSA president and staff.

Ch., Deborah J. Mason (1995); Barbara T. Balbirer (1995); Jane R. Byczek (1995).

Long-Range Planning

To make recommendations to the YALSA Board for division long-range plans; to monitor and evaluate current long-range plans, and make recommendations to the Board for updating the plans.

Ch., Pamela G. Spencer (1995); Kay Brunton Covode (1996); Judith A. Druse (1996); Elizabeth E. Elam (1995); Constance P. Lawson (1996).

Media Selection and Usage

To study and promote the use of all media as related to libraries and to cooperate with agencies having similar functions; to prepare or to have prepared selected lists on subjects of current importance; to promote programming in areas of immediate interest to youth using library materials of all types; to keep the YALSA Board informed of all proposals and projects in this area.

Ch., Stephen J. Crowley (1995); Barbara T. Balbirer (1995); Jane R. Byczek (1996); Claire C. Chase (1996); Betty H. Grebey (1995); Marsha Korobkin (1995); Hazel Moore (1995); Paul S. Ritz (1995); Janet P. Sarratt (1995).

Membership Recruitment

To develop and pursue an aggressive and continuous campaign to recruit and retain members for YALSA.

Ch. to be appointed; Pamela A. Barry (1995); Connie Adams Bush (1995); Maureen A. Connelly (1995); Barbara Hull (1995); Holly B. Koelling (1996); Susan Meck (1996).

National Organizations Serving the Young Adult Liaison

To explore, recommend, initiate, and implement ways of working with other organizations that work with and for young adults.

Ch., Judy T. Nelson (1995); Pamela A. Barry (1995); Mary C. Clarkson (1995); Xuan Ma (1995); Nora Jane Natke (1995); Norma L. Zatz (1995).

Nominating--1995 Election

To prepare the slate for annual elections of YALSA officers and directors, and in so doing, to provide for representation of types of libraries, special interests, and geographical locations of the division membership.

Ch., Mike L. Printz (1995); Constance P. Lawson (1995); Elizabeth M. O'Donnell (1995).

Organization and Bylaws

To revise the Bylaws in order to clarify them and, when necessary, to recommend revision and amendment to improve them for the effective management of the division, for the achievement of its stated objectives, and to keep them in harmony with ALA Constitution and Bylaws.

To study and review committee functions, recommending changes