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AN INFORMATION SHEET FOR NEW AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS

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 services in all types of libraries--school, public and institutional. If you would like to join YALSA, write the YALSA Office for a membership application and information about YALSA membership as well as basic ALA membership.

To learn more about YALSA, current programs, committees, or officers, check the ALA Handbook of Organization and read the Journal of Youth Services in Libraries (JOYS), the quarterly journal of YALSA and the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC). As a personal member of YALSA, you will receive JOYS as well as American Libraries. In addition, we've included a list of YALSA committees and what they do as a part of this information sheet.

If you would like to serve on a YALSA Committee, familiarize yourself with the work of the committees. Check the information below as well as the ALA Handbook of Organization for a description of each committee's function.

Complete a "Committee Volunteer Form" (available from the YALSA Office) and return it to the YALSA Office. Introduce yourself to the YALSA Officers and Committee Chairs at the Midwinter and Annual Conference, and let them know of your interest. The YALSA President and Vice-President/President-Elect make all committee appointments.

To obtain YALSA Publications, request an "AASL/YALSA Publications Checklist" from the YALSA Office, an ALA Graphics Catalog, and a Publications Catalog from the ALA Order Department. A publications order form also appears in

the fall issue of JOYS.

To receive information, assistance or advice on any aspect of library service to young adults, contact the YALSA Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director or the Administrative Secretary at ALA Headquarters (1-800-545-2433 x4390), YALSA Officers, or the Chairperson of the YALSA Committee whose work relates to your area of interest.

CURRENT YALSA COMMITTEES:

ALSC/YALSA Journal of Youth Services in Libraries (JOYS) EDITORIAL ADVISORY, INTERDIVISIONAL - To determine editorial policy for JOYS, subject to review by the joint ALSC/YALSA boards; to suggest themes for forthcoming issues; to recommend resource people for articles and reviews; to review materials submitted for publication upon request by the editor(s).

ALSC/YALSA JOURNAL OF YOUTH SERVICES IN LIBRARIES (JOYS) EVALUATION REFEREED JOURNAL, AD HOC COMMITTEE ON - To evaluate the current refereed status of JOYS and make recommendations to the ALSC and YALSA Boards.

AMELIA ELIZABETH WALDEN AWARD - To develop criteria and procedures for the Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award.

BAKER & TAYLOR/YALSA CONFERENCE GRANT - 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.

BEST BOOKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS - To select from the year's publications those adult and teenage books significant for young adults; to annotate the selected titles.

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.

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

CRC/YALSA Joint Task Force on Teenage Librarians Association - To explore the possibilities of a teenage arm of ALA.

DIVISION PROMOTION - To develop and pursue an aggressive and continuous campaign to promote the Young Adult Library Services Association.

ECONO-CLAD 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.

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 a liaison with the ALA Standing Committee on Library Education and other related ALA units.

EXECUTIVE - 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.

GENRE LIST (COORDINATOR) - To work with chairs and members of the eight (8) genre lists (Fantasy, Historical Fiction, Horror, Humor, Mystery, Romance, Science Fiction and Sports), serving as a consultant to each committee; to edit the annotations for each genre list and tip sheet; and to work with the YALSA Deputy Executive Director and other office staff to prepare materials for publication.

GENRE LISTS - To prepare material in each genre to include: a list of 25 new titles (not included on previous genre lists) in priority order and a tip sheet which will include background information and suggestions for utilization of material with young adults.

GENRE MARKETING TASK FORCE - To explore ways to market the Genre lists.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM - To serve as a liaison between the division and the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom 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 implications to library service to young adults, and to make recommendations to the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom 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.

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.

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

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

MARGARET A. EDWARDS AWARD - 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.

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 selected lists on subjects of current importance; to promote programming 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.

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

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SERVING THE YOUNG ADULT LIAISON (NOSYAL) -

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

NOMINATING - To prepare the slate for annual elections of YALSA Officers and directors and in so doing, provide for representation of types of libraries, special interest, and geographical locations of the division membership.

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 in committee structure; to advise on the organization manual; to make recommendations on other organizational matters.

OUTPUT MEASURES IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE - To implement "Output Measures and More: Public Library Service to Young Adults."

OUTREACH - To address the needs of young adults who face barriers of access to library and information services because of economic, social, cultural, and/or legal factors. These factors may include poverty, isolation because of cultural differences, illiteracy, dropping out of school, homelessness, dysfunctional family life, lack of adult supervision, crime, substance abuse, teenage pregnancy and other health issues; to identify, promote, and develop resources to assist service providers to young adults in overcoming barriers of access to libraries and information services; to foster public and professional awareness of the needs of these young adults.

OVERSIGHT- To review current activities of committees' identifying procedural problems within committees; to make recommendations to the YALSA Board regarding the implementation of the division's goals and objectives, as needed.

PROGRAM PLANNING CLEARINGHOUSE AND EVALUATION - To review, facilitate, coordinate and evaluate the planning for all conference and non-conference program proposals; to make overall recommendations to the YALSA Board on the package of programs.

PUBLICATIONS - To develop a publications program in the areas of young adult services and materials; to identify potential authors and topics to be covered; to oversee and coordinate the YALSA publications program; to regularly review all YALSA publications and make recommendations to the YALSA Board regarding those needing revision or elimination.

PUBLISHERS' LIAISON - To create a better understanding between

publishers and librarians in the library's use of materials with teenagers, in order that such materials be supplied more effectively.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR THE RELUCTANT YOUNG ADULT READER - To prepare an annual annotated list of recommended books appropriate for reluctant young adult readers.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR THE RELUCTANT YOUNG ADULT READER POLICIES

AND PROCEDURES, AD HOC COMMITTEE ON - To evaluate policies and procedures governing the Recommended Books for the Reluctant Young Adult Reader Committee; to hold an open forum at the 1992 Annual Conference; and to report with recommendations to the Board at the 1995 Midwinter Meeting.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE - To stimulate, encourage, guide, and direct the research needs of young adult library service; to compile abstracts and disseminate research findings.

SELECTED FILMS AND VIDEOS FOR YOUNG ADULTS - To select from the past two years' films and videos those titles significant for young adults; to annotate the selected titles for publication.

SELECTED FILMS AND VIDEOS FOR YOUNG ADULTS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TASK FORCE - To explore and evaluate alternative policies and procedures governing the Selected Films and Videos for Young Adults; to report to the YALSA Board.

SELECTING MATERIALS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS REVISION - To revise Selecting Materials for Children and Young Adults, ALA, 1977.

SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE, LIBRARY SERVICE TO YOUNG ADULTS WITH -

To identify and promote the library programs, resources, and services that meet the special needs of young adults with physical, mental, learning, emotional disabilities or in special facilities such as hospitals, group homes, detention centers/jails, runaway shelters and homeless shelters; to serve as a liaison to other groups with similar interests such as ALSC Library Service to Children with Special Needs, and ASCLA Libraries Serving Special Populations Section.

TECHNOLOGY FOR YOUNG ADULTS - To investigate the impact of computer technology on youth services.

YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE DISCUSSION GROUP - A discussion group for

YALSA members who teach literature for young adults and/or are interested in teaching literature for young adults. The purpose of this discussion group is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, syllabi, and information.

YOUTH PARTICIPATION - To establish guidelines and/or procedures to involve young adults in the decision-making process which directly affects their access to information and library service at local, state, and national levels; to provide continuing education and public professional awareness of youth participation.

For Further Information Contact:

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