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YASD LOOKS FORWARD TO ALA - DETROIT

An experience in communications, a skill-focused workshop, a step into interpersonal awareness, the librarian as counselor:

The Young Adult Services Division (YASD) program for the Detroit Conference, June 18, 1977, will explore the interpersonal aspect of library service and will provide participants with an opportunity to probe the principles of the counseling relationship. The program theme, "The Librarian as Youth Counselor," suggests that the role of the librarian has changed and grown. The conference program is designed to help make the librarian handle that new role more effectively.

The program's opening speaker will be Dr. Sol Gordon, psychologist, lecturer, and author, whose books for and about adolescents have brought him commendations from young adult librarians, teachers, and parents and have earned him the trust and respect of young people. Dr. Gordon's book, You, appeals to teenagers because of its honesty and understanding of the turmoil and joy of adolescence and its sensitive prodding towards maturity and responsibility.

All ALA members are invited to hear Dr. Gordon. But pre-registration will be required for dinner and group workshop sessions which follow, so that the groups will be small enough to allow for interaction and skill practice. These group workshops will focus on the concepts of active listening, helpful and non-helpful

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response modes, and responsible confrontation--the basic tool of effective communication. Additional information and registration forms are available from the YASD Office, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. No registrations will be accepted after May 1, 1977.

Program chairperson is Dr. Sara Fine, counseling psychologist on the faculty of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Pittsburgh.