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Editorial

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Welcome to the first issue of *the Journal for Research on Libraries and Young Adults*, the online research journal of the Young Adult Library Services Association. In this inaugural issue we are pleased to publish the three papers that have been accepted for the peer reviewed paper session at the second Young Adult Literature Symposium in Albuquerque, N.M., on Saturday November 6, 2010.

Jessica E. Moyer, a doctoral candidate at the University of Minnesota writes about her dissertation research on teen readers and their comprehension, interest and engagement with print book, ebooks and audiobooks in her paper, ""Teens Today Don't Read Books Anymore": A Study of Differences in Interest and Comprehension Based on Reading Modalities." Dr. Kafi Kumasi, an assistant professor at Wayne State University's School of Library and Information Science has written, "Cultural Inquiry a Framework for Engaging Youth of Color in the Library." Deleanor Wood, young adult librarian at Decatur Public Library in Illinois, examines whether young adult literature accurately reflects young adults' knowledge of and interaction with sexuality, by reviewing the literature and studying her own collection in her article, "Pushing the Envelope: Exploring Sexuality in Teen Literature." We hope that these are the first of many excellent papers to appear in the journal.

JRLYA is currently accepting manuscripts for upcoming issues based on original qualitative or quantitative research, an innovative conceptual framework, or a substantial literature review that opens new areas of inquiry and investigation. Case studies and works of literary analysis are also welcome. The journal recognizes the contributions other disciplines make to expanding and enriching theory, research and practice in young adult library services and encourages submissions from researchers, students and practitioners in all fields.

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-Jessica E. Moyer, 2010 Member Editor