

**YALSA Board Meeting
2005 Annual Conference
Chicago, Illinois
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Topic: Booklist Ad Hoc Committee Report

Background: At Midwinter, an ad hoc committee was established to investigate methods for creating and disseminating new booklists, since members have identified this as the single most important function of YALSA, and to present its recommendations to the Board.

Action Required: Discussion/Decision

Members: Sarah Cornish, Francisca Goldsmith, Pam Spencer Holley

Who: The Subcommittee would prefer an all-virtual task force to compile and bring to production booklists, pamphlets and/or booklets. If that is not possible, then a task force of 10 members, 3 of whom would be virtual, could be appointed. If this arrangement proves successful, then the task force could become a committee, or at least a subset of the Publications Committee.

What: Preparation of booklists, pamphlets, booklets, books to sell and/or provide as a perk of membership

- Yearly schedule of annotated booklists for members only section of YALSA web site and preparation thereof. Suggest using YALSA-Bk archives as a beginning point and work with Publication Committee to carry through to final copy (one monthly booklist? Searchable index of lists?)
- Working with Publication Committee, identify thematic areas that would benefit from booklets/pamphlets and find authors of these works. May be a book possibility there.
- Act as ready response team if YALSA office receives a request for a booklist; members must be willing to respond with annotated list in a short turn-around time. Conversely, team would anticipate need for booklists, depending upon current events, and prepare in advance.
- Booklists for YAttitudes and/or YALS (perhaps a regular column—up to editors of these two journals)
- Encourage members to join YALSA-Bk to be part of the individuals who contribute to the booklists ; a regular call could be placed through YALS and/or YAttitudes

- Bookmarks – determine if providing bookmarks for lists from committees is possible as well as profitable. Perhaps Upstart would be a venue for this?
- Any use of YALSA-Bk archives would be to provide more than a list, as members frequently copy these lists from the listserv. The idea would be to provide an annotated list that would have a format easily identifiable as being a YALSA product. In addition, it's important to provide more value than just a booklist arranged in higgelty-piggelty order.

Where: If an all-virtual task force is approved by ALA, members would confer online. If not, a combination of conference meetings and extensive e-mail correspondence is envisioned.

When: Beginning after Annual 2005

Why: a) To utilize the knowledge and expertise of YALSA members who want to serve on a selection committee but can't attend conference; b) To utilize the knowledge and expertise of YALSA members for whom there aren't available slots on the selection committees; c) To produce potentially marketable items for YALSA finances

Possible Books to Recommend to Publications Committee:

Book of Edward Award winners with one chapter per winner. Could look for one editor who would subcontract the chapters or one writer who would compile all the chapters.

Book of thematic lists – again, YALSA-Bk archives serve as a beginning point, but it's suggested that these themes tie in with current interests and/or potential school projects. Also, the idea of an identifiable YALSA format should appear on all publications.

Alex award winners – there are now 100 titles that have been named Alex winners; book potential there. Also, additional bibliographic info as to all available formats in which books can now be found would be great. [Historical note – at one point the Alex members were asked to submit their booktalks that were presented at Annual to the YALSA Office so that a final booklet could be prepared—this never happened, but some task force YALSA members might have their original talks]

PPYA Committee is celebrating its 10th year – they have a natural thematic set-up for a possible book.

Work has already begun with the Publications Committee for an audiobooks booklist for the 2006 Preconference.

Editors and/or Authors

Sending out a generic all-call on YALSA-L, YALSA-Bk, YALSA.Com, etc., for members who would like to be contacted for book projects might be one way to build a “stable” of potential writers.