

RESOLUTION ON ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF YOUTH  
THROUGH THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE PROCESS

- WHEREAS, It is vital to the future of the nation that youth of all ages have access to quality library services and to information in all formats so that they may become informed, productive, literate members of our Democracy; and
- WHEREAS, The National Library Card Campaign, the Presidential Proclamation of 1989 as the Year of the Young Reader, and many private-sector literacy campaigns ensure that special emphasis will be placed on promoting and improving library services to children and youth throughout the Nation; and
- WHEREAS, The Congress has passed Public Law 100-382 authorizing a second White House Conference on Library and Information Services, and planning for the national conference and related state activities is now underway; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That ALA support and encourage cooperation between and among school library media specialists and youth services librarians in schools and public libraries to ensure that the needs and interests of youth are effectively represented in all state and national activities leading up to and including the second White House conference on Library and Information Services; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That appointing authorities take all necessary steps to see that the needs and interests of youth are represented in official delegates to the second White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

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