

**August 2002**

## MLA Conference 2002

Check out the great programs being offered by the Young Adult Special Interest Group at the 2002 Missouri Library Association conference and don't forget to renew your YASIG membership form online in order to be eligible for the door prizes at our annual business meeting.

<p><b>Pre-Conference</b> Wednesday, October 2, 2002 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. <i>Chillin': Creating Teen Friendly Libraries</i> Annie Fox, presenter</p>	<p>Thursday, October 3, 2002 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Young Adult Author Breakfast <i>Hot Topics At A Cool Distance</i> Tamora Pierce, featured author</p>	<p>Thursday, October 3, 2002 2:00 p.m. <b>Table Talk</b> <i>Crafty Creations for Teens!</i> Kimberlee Reid, moderator</p>
<p><b>Conference</b> Wednesday, October 2, 2002 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Performers Showcase</p>	<p>Thursday, October 3, 2002 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. <i>Wholesome Fiction For Teens</i> John Mort, presenter [business meeting to follow]</p>	<p>Friday, October 4, 2002 9:00 a.m. <b>Poster Session</b> <i>Teen Summer Reading Program Incentive Ideas</i> Jazy Mihalik</p>

### \*Pre-Conference\*

October 2, 2002

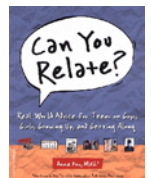
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m

\$20.00 registration fee

Continental Breakfast Provided



Annie Fox, MEd, author of *Can You Relate? Real World Advice for Teens About Guys, Girls, Growing Up and Getting Along* has spent the past 5 years answering emails from teens worldwide who turn to her for help on everything from body image to problems with parents and friends. With wit, warmth and lots of humor, she shares her insights into the teen world and helps librarians effectively redefine their libraries as community resources and cool places for teens to hang out. (Yes! We want them to hang out in the library!) Annie will also help you reach beyond library walls to develop strong relationships with schools and community youth organizations so you can get teens to participate in library programming designed by and for them.



This pre-conference is being presented through generous donations from:

**Kevin Walsh, Children's Plus**

**Don Stout, Quality Books**

**Bruce Cilo**

**\*Conference Programs\***  
**October 2, 2002**

*Performer's Showcase*

3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Needing a great YA program idea? Discover a new program at the annual Performer's Showcase. We will be offering a variety of YA performers and give you an opportunity to view their acts.

**October 3, 2002**

Tamora Pierce, YA author

*Hot Topics At A Cool Distance*

7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

"My greatest rewards for writing are the fan mail I get, telling me I helped a reader to get through some terrible experience or time, and my own personal escape from the poverty of my teens and twenties." –Tamora Pierce



In the sixth grade, Tamora Pierce was encouraged by her father to start writing and she immediately got hooked. Once she discovered fantasy and science fiction, she tried to write the same kind of stories she read, only with teenaged girl heroines who were usually missing from the 1960s stories. This popular author of over 20 novels for teens will discuss her books and fantasy literature for teens at the annual YASIG breakfast.

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Jerry Bryan, Children's Library Services**

John Mort

*Wholesome Fiction For Teens*

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

John Mort, author of *Soldier of Paradise* (1999) and *Christian Fiction: A Guide to the Genre* (2002) will use his experience in writing a column on Christian Fiction for *Booklist* to discuss wholesome fiction for teens both on the evangelical and the mainstream side.

YASIG Business Meeting

3:00

We will be electing a new recorder for 2003 and discussing changes in the structure of our organization. Make sure that you are a registered member of YASIG in order to qualify for the door prizes at our business meeting.

**Table Talk**

*Crafty Creations for Teens!*

2:00 p.m.

Kimberlee Reid, Kansas City (KS) Public Library, will demonstrate and moderate a discussion of creative craft ideas for teens. Resource material will be provided.

**October 4, 2002**

**Poster Session**

*Teen Summer Reading Program Incentive Ideas*

9:00 a.m.

Jazy Mihalik, Springfield-Greene County Library, will show various TSRP incentive ideas used by

libraries in Missouri.

## Best of the Best

Just a reminder to submit your suggestions on the best books written for young adults in 2001. We will distribute our Best of the Best recommendations at the conference.

### **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

If you are interested in volunteering to help with next year's conference or becoming a reader for the Mark Twain Award, please submit your name to one of the YASIG officers during the conference or send us an email via the YASIG website at:

[www.geocities.com/mlayasig/](http://www.geocities.com/mlayasig/)