



YA ROUND-UP



Young Adult Special Interest Group: A unit of MLA

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2005 MLA YASIG Conference plans

We are excited to announce that the speaker for the YA breakfast at the 2005 MLA Conference will be Alex Flinn, award-winning author of *Breathing Underwater*, *Breaking Point*, and *Nothing to Lose*. You can visit her website <http://www.alexflinn.com/> to get a look at her soon-to-be published title, *Fade to Black*.

Plans also include programming that addresses teen diversity and multigenerational interactions.

Best Books for Young Adults 2005

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), has announced its 2005 recommended list of Best Books for Young Adults. The list, prepared annually, was released during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston, January 14-18, 2005.

The 15-member committee narrowed its list of 214 official nominations to the final list of 86 significant adult and young adult titles recommended for ages 12-18. Despite the cold temperatures outside of the Hynes Convention Center, an audience warmed to 65 teens representing five states who traveled to Boston to attend a special committee session where they shared their love of books. A crowded audience of committee members, publishers, authors and librarians listened, laughed and cheered on these passionate readers. Most of the teens had prepared for a year or more to attend the conference. A second group of 10 New Jersey teens created a videotape to present at the session. A third group from Washington State assisted with committee administration behind-the-scenes.

The 86 winning titles make up a diverse list that features science fiction and fantasy, nonfiction, novels in verse, cutting-edge contemporary fiction and graphic novels.

Fourteen books received a unanimous vote from the committee -

Wake Up Our Souls: a celebration of Black American Artists by Tonya Bolden.

Tending to Grace by Kimberly Newton Fusco

Andy Warhol: Prince of Pop by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan.

The Race to Save the Lord God Bird by Phillip Hoose.

The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place by E.L. Konigsburg.

B for Buster by Iain Lawrence

The Realm of Possibility by David Levithan

Saving Francesca by Melina Marchetta

Airborn by Kenneth Oppel

how i live now by Meg Rosoff (2005 Printz Award winner)

Sammy and Juliana in Hollywood by Benjamin Alire Saenz.

The Radioactive Boy Scout: the true story of a boy and his backyard nuclear reactor by Ken Silverstein.

Chanda's Secrets by Allan Stratton

Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman? by Eleanor Updale

NOTES

For information about YA Round-Up or if you have questions/comments email David at : davidf@mail.sgcl.org

The minutes from the February YASIG officers meeting have been posted at: <http://molib.org/yasig/>



Teen Summer Reading Program

Joust Read

Maria Levetzow, author of *Joust Read: 2005 Teen Summer Library Program Manual* shared ideas, tips, and expertise to help Missouri librarians plan and implement their summer reading programs for teens. Starting with the basics on how to develop summer reading programs for young adults, Maria reviewed ideas for programming, promoting, and providing incentives to encourage teens to participate in the teen summer reading program. Sponsored by the Missouri State Library and the Office of the Missouri Secretary of State, workshops were held in St. Louis, Macon, Springfield, and Poplar Bluff (Kansas City was “snow and iced-out”).

Join YALSA IN Chicago!

Here's the web-posted schedule for YALSA events during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, June 23-29, 2005.

www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/newsandeventsb/ticketedevents.pub.pdf

Multicultural Resources on the web

Here are some web sites with ideas and suggestions to help you meet the multicultural needs of your teen patrons, plan events, and look to the future.

www.reforma.org/ - REFORMA - The Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking.

www.nassaulibrary.org/childrens/diversepop.htm - a great list of links and resources from the Nassau Library System, Long Island, New York.

www.nativeculturelinks.com/aila.htm - American Indian Library Association's website with lots of resources, ideas, and links.

www.boulder.lib.co.us/special/multicultural/multilinks.html - Boulder (CO) Public Library's multicultural web resources. This is one of the most complete lists to be found from any U.S. library.

wally.rit.edu/internet/subject/deafness.html - Rochester Institute of Technology Library. The most complete list of web resources for the deaf and hearing impaired.

wally.rit.edu/internet/subject/deafness.html – American Library Association's Diversity web page.

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