



YA ROUND-UP



Young Adult Special Interest Group: A unit of MLA

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YASIG online: <http://molib.org/yasig/>

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YASIG 2007 Goals

YASIG committee members have been busy working on putting together a strong list of program offerings for the 2007 Conference for the last couple of months. In the process of doing so, we have also been finalizing our goals for the year. Much of what we will be focusing on this year will be putting structures into place. Our predecessors have laid a solid groundwork and have established a strong organization. In order to continue to move YASIG to the next level, we feel that it is essential to formalize some of that work. Therefore, our focus for the year will be to gather documents and history of the SIG together into one place and to create other documents that outline much of the common knowledge of the group to ensure the continuity of efforts.

One of our goals will be to update the Web site so that it is easier to navigate and so that it includes some of the background and history of the organization. We are also working on further developing a document begun by Shari Ellison, former chair, that will help guide future leaders of YASIG as they continue the work that the organization is known for doing. It will include traditional functions of the group as well as common timeline information.

The last of our three major goals in the area of structuring will be to actively participate in the process of creating a structure for the new Youth Services Division. This new division was voted into place by the MLA membership at the 2006 Annual Conference. This provides YASIG an exciting opportunity to help shape the Division that will give a voting voice on the MLA board to the members who focus on serving youth—YASIG and CSRT. We will be working under the direction of Nancy Ogg, Chair of the Youth Services Division Development Committee; other members of the committee include the current CSRT leadership as well as representatives from the other MLA divisions.

To view YASIG's complete list of goals for 2007 go to: <http://molib.org/yasig>.

Introducing the ALAN Book Club

Join ALAN (Assembly of Literature for Adolescents) each third Wednesday of the month for a lively online discussion of young adult books with other YA aficionados, as well as follow-up chats with the authors of the books being discussed.

So what do you need to do to join in this fun? First, read the novel on tap for each month. Second, send one question for discussion to the moderator at least the day before the scheduled chat. Third, log in before 9PM to make sure you can solve any technical difficulties. Fourth, join the chat at the appointed time and see what happens! For more information, visit: http://alan-ya.org/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

Show Off Your Teen Web Page

Does your library have a special section on its Web page devoted just to teens? What about a blog or a MySpace Page? Email Vice Chair Beth Snow (bethsno@mail.sgcl.org) with the link and we'll be sure to post it on the YASIG portion of the MLA Web site.

Professional Development: Recommended Reading

500 Great Books for Teens

By Anita Silvey
(Houghton Mifflin, 2006)

"500 Great Books for Teens is divided into twenty-one sections, including adventure and survival, politics and social history, horror, romance, war and conflict, fantasy, plays, graphic novels, poetry, memoir, and spirituality. Every section offers up classics, but the majority of titles are new. In "Beyond the 500," Silvey compiles a number of useful lists, including books organized by geographic location and historical period, as well as recommended audio books."--BOOK JACKET.

Naked Reading: Uncovering what Tweens Need to Become Lifelong Readers

By Teri S. Lesesne
(Stenhouse Publishers, 2006)

Examines the ways in which adults can help interest pre-teens in books, and offers advice on how to keep them reading. While aspects of this book are more for teachers, there is still a lot to take home!

Teen Programs with Punch: A Month-by-Month Guide

By Valerie A. Ott
(Libraries Unlimited, 2006)

A collection of library program ideas designed to appeal to teen patrons, covering a broad range of interests and activities; grouped by month, with supply lists, step-by-step instructions, and reproducible forms.

Join YALSA's newest discussion list: YA-MUSIC.

This list, started by YALSA's Teen Music Interest Group, will be used to discuss and develop recommended practices in collections, programming, and related topics in the field of music and media, including CDs, MP3s, and emerging technologies and services in music media for teens. This list is open to anyone interested in teen music and media.

To subscribe, visit: <http://lists.ala.org/www/info/ya-music>

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