



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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Happy Holidays

Goodbye, farewell!

Letter from outgoing YASIG chair, Catherine Mudd....

Hello YASIGers—

I just want to thank everyone for a great 2004! This year was an exciting year for me and I think a great year for YASIG. We had a great conference with wonderful feedback from all of you; as well as, getting the listserv up and running, thanks Margaret! I had a great time being Chair of YASIG this year and I am grateful that I get to turn that job over to the very capable hands of Shari Ellison. I know that she, Kimberlee Ried and David Freeman will give all of us an exceptional 2005. I want to wish them lots of luck, even though I know they do not need it. Also, to all of you please utilize the listserv and share your ideas and thoughts, if you are like me you are always looking for new ideas. Also, please help next year's officers by sharing your book titles for Best of the Best and by volunteering to be the 2006 Recorder, you will not regret it. Thanks again for a wonderful 2004 and keep up the good work serving your teens!

Sincerely,
Catherine Mudd
2004 YASIG Chair

NOTES

For information about YA Round-Up or if you have questions/comments email Kimberlee at Libraryladie2000@yahoo.com

The minutes from the October Business meeting, held during the MLA conference have been posted at: <http://molib.org/yasig/>

YASIG Annual Report from 2004 YASIG chair Catherine Mudd:

Hello All. I hope all is going well as we enter the last stages of 2004. This has been a fun and eventful year for YASIG and we are looking forward to an even better 2005!

We want to thank all of you for a great 2004 conference. The breakfast, sessions, table talks and poster sessions were a great success and we had lots of fun with them. We would like to thank all of those that helped with everything at the conference, from helping stuff bags to doing a program to taking pictures; your help was greatly appreciated. A special thanks goes out to those that helped with programs: Chris Crutcher, Julie Rhodes, Mary Ann Garrett, David Freeman, Beth Snow, Shari Ellison, Kimberlee Ried, Terri Clark, Catherine Craven, Kaite Mediatore, Sharon Lamberson, and the SISLT students of Drs. Esser and Adkins. Thanks for your time and effort, we appreciate all that you do.

We really enjoyed putting this year's conference together and are already looking forward to next year, so please go on the listserv or email one of the officers with any ideas you may have for next year, from an author suggestion, to a program idea or a title for Best of the Best we are always looking for new ideas. Speaking of next year, the final business of each MLA conference is our business meeting where we elect a new Recorder. This year, we are so excited to welcome our new Recorder for 2005, David Freeman of the Library Station at Springfield-Greene. Welcome David!

As far as achieving our goals for 2004, we have accomplished much and the work always continues. This year, thanks to Margaret Booker, the YASIG listserv is now up and running and is a great way to share ideas and thoughts, so get on there and share, share, share! This resource is available to share ideas for the conference as well as to let everyone know of volunteer opportunities. Please continue to use it and our website, which continues to grow and get better and better. You can find it at: <http://molib.org/yasig/>. Items are being added all of the time, so check it often for new things. Also, if you find a new site or a program that should be shared, please let us know so we can look into adding it.

Also, this year, thanks to Shari Ellison and Terri Clark we submitted our bylaws to the MLA Bylaws committee and we are awaiting their approval. As soon as they are approved the bylaws will be added to the website. Another goal we wanted to achieve this year is to get SISLT students more involved with MLA and YASIG. SISLT professors Esser and Adkins were gracious enough to have their students do a poster session for us this year with booklists they had made in their classes. A special thanks to them.

Several of our other goals are tied to increasing awareness of Young Adult services in Missouri. We continue to add new things to our website to help make everyone more aware as well as through the listserv. We also worked on having a YA presence at this year's conference and we will continue these efforts for as long as there is a Young Adult Special Interest Group. We also continue to work with MASL through our liaison, Letitia Denhartog and their liaison to MLA, Sara Drummond. YASIG officers and MLA executive director attended the MASL conference Tan-Tar-A this year and worked the MLA booth. The response from school librarians was wonderful. We look forward to growing our relationship with them.

Although this is the end-of-the-year report we continue to work on our 2004 goals and look forward to our 2005 ones. Thanks for a great year and please keep in touch in 2005.

Thanks for a great year YASIGers!

Catherine Mudd, YASIG chair
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Report on the MLA conference from MASL liaison to MLA Sara Drummond:

From October 27 - 29, 2004 the MLA held its 104th Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. On October 28, children's and young adult's services were emphasized. What a day the YASIG group had planned for us! Under the direction of Catherine Mudd, Reference Librarian at the Fulton branch of Daniel Boone Regional Library, we were treated to breakfast with Chris Crutcher followed by workshops on teen programs, intellectual freedom, ALA's Every Child Ready to Read@ Your Library brought to us by CSRT, the year's Best of the Best for Young Adults among a plethora of other offerings. Springfield - Green County Librarians shared a number of programs that have worked in their libraries.

During the afternoon, the very capable YASIG hosted round table discussions on teen advisory boards and creating a teen-friendly atmosphere. Poster sessions included information on the statewide summer reading program: Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds brought to us by the State Library, Missouri library teen spaces, YA bibliographies, professional resources for serving teens, and the program Death at the Library.

Death at the Library is an evening program developed by Sharon Lamberson of the Hannibal Public Library. The activity itself lasts from 30-45 minutes and casts the participants in various parts as the group conducts a "coroner's inquest". Cathy Mudd shared the information along with a packet which has detailed instructions. More information on Sharon's Coroner's Inquests is available at mdu004@mail.connect.more.net.

Other YASIG (Young Adult Services Interest Group) members who worked so hard to make the day a success were: Shari Ellison - Mid Continent Public Library, Smithville, and Kimberlee Ried - Archives Specialist, National Archives - Central Plains Region. Special assistance was provided by Nancee Dahms-Stinson, Linda Esser, Denice Adkins, SISLT, J.B. Petty, Terri Clark, and Catherine Craven.

- Sara Drummond
MASL liaison to MLA

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