



YA ROUND-UP



Young Adult Special Interest Group: A unit of MLA

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Extra. Extra. read all about it! YA Round-up MLA Conference issue!

2005 MLA Conference October 26th – 28th, 2005

Kansas City, Missouri

[Hyatt Regency Crown Center](#)

YASIG Calendar of Events for the MLA Conference

Wednesday, October 26th PRE-CONFERENCES

8:30am-12:30pm “Scary” Talk! Communicating with Children and Teens (YASIG-CSRT)

The Scary Guy is an internationally acclaimed motivational speaker who has worked with over five million children, teens, and adults around the world, promoting acceptance and teaching constructive communication. His mission is the total elimination of the world's top social diseases – hate, violence, and prejudice.

7:00-9:00pm Performers Showcase (CSRT-YASIG)

Come for an evening of entertainment at Kansas City Public's new Central Library! Ten performers for children and young adults have been selected to showcase their talents. Enjoy the show and take notes for next year's Summer Reading Program!

Thursday October 27th

7:30-9:15am YASIG Breakfast with Alex Flinn

Alex Flinn is a former attorney whose fascination with witness reliability and bias led her to write her newest book, *Fade to Black*. She is also the author of three previous books: *Breathing Underwater*, an ALA Top 10 Best Book for Young Adults; *Breaking Point*, an ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers; and *Nothing to Lose*, one of ALA Booklist's Top 10 Youth Mysteries.

From her bio on www.alexflinn.com/... "I think I write for young-adults because I never quite got over being one. In my mind, I am still 13-years-old, running laps on the athletic field, wearing this really baggy white gymsuit. I'm continually amazed at the idea that I have a checking account and a mortgage. So I try to write books that gymsuit girl might enjoy. It's a way of going back to being thirteen . . . knowing what I know now."

9:30-10:45am Bring YA Literature Out of the Closet

Young adult literature for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and trans-gendered teens.

1:00-1:45 Quick – The House of Teen Reference

Participants will learn a model for valuable customer service and strategies for successful reference interviews and reader's advisory with teens.

Friday October 28

8:30am-9:15am Young Adult Special Interest Group meeting

FYI

Best of the Best award: it was pointed out to YASIG that the usage of Best of the Best presents a conflict with a similar award given out annually by the American Library Association. The name Teen Squared or T2 has been chosen instead. Liz Sipko from the Oak Grove branch of MCPL will be working on developing a logo and poster for YASIG to announce the change at the MLA conference this year.

*****NOTES*****

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

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



Teen Read Week – Get Real @ your library

Area teens will be reading for the fun of it as Missouri libraries celebrates the eighth annual Teen Read Week, October 16 – 22, 2005. They join hundreds of other libraries, schools and bookstores across the country who are encouraging teens to celebrate this year's theme, "Get Real! @ your library®." Teen Read Week is the national adolescent literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association. This year's theme encourages teens to explore the world of nonfiction books, such as biographies, self-help books, strange but true stories, and more.

Pam Spencer Holley, YALSA's president, feels that "today's teens seem to have less and less free time, and there are increasingly more activities to for them to take part in during what little leisure time they have. That is why it's important to encourage teens to set aside some time to read." Literacy is a topic of both local and national concern, and falling test scores and lower graduation rates among teens today are a serious issue.

Studies show a regular reading habit increases reading proficiency, and being around adults who are avid readers can counteract the latest statistics from The Nation's Report Card (<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>), which indicate that in homes across America the number of different types of reading materials has decreased, and a smaller percentage of seventeen-year-olds saw adults reading in their home.

YALSA offers recommended reading for teens in light of Hurricane Katrina and Rita

CHICAGO - The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) has developed a reading list of books about overcoming disaster and stories of survival for teens. The booklist, which features fiction and nonfiction, was created to help librarians, educators and concerned adults guide teens to books that may help them cope after Hurricane Katrina.

Fiction

- Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Storm Rescue*. American Girl. 2001.
- Cooney, Caroline B. *Flash Fire*. Scholastic Paperbacks. 1996.
- Cooney, Caroline. *Flight #116 Is Down!* Point. 1997.
- Garland, Sherry. *The Silent Storm*. Harcourt. 1993.
- Gross, Virginia T. *The Day It Rained Forever: A Story Of The Johnstown Flood*. Puffin, 1993.
- Howe, James, ed. *The Color of Absence: 12 Stories About Loss and Hope*. Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 2001.
- Maynard, Joyce. *The Usual Rules*. St. Martin's Press. 2003.
- Rochman, Hazel and Darlene Z. McCampbell, eds. *Leaving Home: Stories*. HarperCollins. 1997.
- Vaught, Susan. *Stormwitch*. Bloomsbury. 2005.

Nonfiction

- Barnard, Bryn. *Dangerous Planet: Natural Disasters That Changed History*. Crown Publishers. 2003.
- Larson, Erik. *Isaac's Storm: a Man, a Time and the Deadliest Hurricane in History*. Crown Publishers. 1999.
- Sheets, Bob and Jack Williams. *Hurricane Watch: Forecasting the Deadliest Storms on Earth*. Vintage. 2001.

YA GURU PATRICK JONES TO PRESENT ALL-DAY WORKSHOP IN TOPEKA OCTOBER 17

Patrick Jones will be presenting a full-day workshop, 9:00-4:00 on Monday, October 17, 2005, at the Ramada Inn in Topeka, Kansas. Jones is the country's best-known young adult librarian whose non-fiction book, *Connecting Young Adults and Libraries*, is the textbook for most YA classes in library schools. The workshop fee includes lunch. Seating is limited, so register early. The cost for NEKLS libraries (school, public and special) is \$30 per person, \$60 for non-System registrants. For information or to register, contact the NEKLS office at (785) 838-4090, Fax (785) 838-3989, or e-mail Carolyn Little at clittle@nekls.org.

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