



# YA ROUND-UP



Young Adult Special Interest Group: A unit of MLA

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## **Experience & Envision at the Annual Conference:** **Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, Springfield, MO**

What a line-up there is at this year's MLA conference! If you haven't already registered, drop what you're doing and visit <http://molib.org/Conference.html> for all your registration needs. To whet your appetite, here's just a brief overview of what YASIG is offering.

### **Wednesday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **1:15-2:00 pm - Graphic Novels for the Tentative**

Your teens want them, everybody's talking about them, but where do you start? How do you know what's appropriate for your collection? Maybe you've never even read one yourself. Well don't be bashful. We've got a panel of graphic novel experts happy to get you started down the right path.

#### **3:15-4:30 pm - Life Outside the Lines: Luring Teens with Edgy Fiction**

Lynn Evarts returns to MLA with an awesome list of books guaranteed to grab those teens who just don't seem interested. Be prepared to add a lot to your "to-read" list.

### **Thursday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### **11:15-12:00 pm - Everybody Serves Youth, Even You**

CRST and YASIG have joined forces to present this program. Grab your boss, your coworkers and join us for a program about the importance of serving library youth.

#### **Noon – YASIG Author Luncheon**

Accomplished YA Author, Ellen Wittlinger has a knack for revealing the hearts and minds of the teens who populate her books. Several of her novels have made the ALA Best Books for Young Adults. Enjoy good food, friends and an amazing author. To get excited (is that even necessary?!?), take a peak at Wittlinger's web site: <http://www.ellenwittlinger.com/> Did you know that Wittlinger is a former children's librarian?

#### **1:45 – 2:30 pm – Table Talk: Teen Spaces**

This session should be particularly appealing to libraries who want to increase usage by teen patrons by creating teen-inspired spaces on a budget. Featured will be the completed works of winners of Missouri State Library Grants that were provided to assist in the creation or redesign of spaces with and emphasis on teen appeal.

#### **2:45 – 3:30 pm Poster Session: How do I find BEST books for young adults?**

YALSA's Best Books for Young Adults lists will be highlighted as well as other YALSA lists, list-servs and popular young adult author blogs so library workers serving young can tap into the best of the best when it comes to YA books! Print and electronic resources that provide library workers with booktalks and discussion guides will also be presented.

### **Friday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>**

#### **1:00-4:00 pm – Performers Showcase**

Presented by CRST – looking for performers to enliven your programming? Here's one-stop-shopping!

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## **Nominations for YASIG Recorder Requested**

Interested in becoming more involved in MLA? Enjoy working with young adults? Know someone who does? YASIG is looking for nominations for the Recorder position. Please send nominations to YASIG Chair, Jamie Mayo at [JamieMayo@kclibrary.org](mailto:JamieMayo@kclibrary.org). Elections take place during our annual meeting Friday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>.



**We need your help!**  
**Teen Squared: books that are twice as good!**

Compiled by members of the Missouri Library Association's Young Adult Services Interest Group, these titles are chosen based on their popularity with young adults and on the advice of librarians who recommend them to their teen patrons and use them for booktalks.

So YASIG members, what new titles should we add to the list? Email Vice Chair Beth Snow ([bethsno@mail.sgcl.org](mailto:bethsno@mail.sgcl.org)) to see your suggestions on the 2007 list!

**Register for a YALSA Online Class**

YALSA provides online continuing education opportunities that are equivalent to a one-day face-to-face workshop. Classes are offered on such topics as Booktalks Quick and Simple, New Technologies and New Literacies for Teens, and Outreaching Teens. To learn more, visit <http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/onlinecourses/info.htm>



**Get Ready for Teen Tech Week:**  
**March 4-10, 2007**

"The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the fastest growing division of the American Library Association (ALA), is pleased to announce Teen Tech Week, a new YALSA celebration aimed at getting teens to use their libraries for the different technologies that are offered there, such as DVDs, databases, audiobooks, electronic games and more. Teen Tech Week will be celebrated for the first time March 4-10, 2007. "

For program ideas and other resources, be sure to visit <http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teentechweek/ttw.htm>

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