



# YA ROUND-UP



Young Adult Special Interest Group: A unit of MLA

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### **Thoughts** by Shari Ellison, Outgoing President of YASIG

My time with YASIG has been one of the best experiences of my life. I have met new friends and made many new contacts across the state. I have always known that there were YA people in and around Kansas City; through YASIG, I have discovered YA people are coming forward from all over the state and they are looking to YASIG to provide resources and support for YA services. Whether we work for big or small libraries we all have access to the YASIG officers, members and the YASIG website to provide answers to our questions about services to young adults.

I can't say enough good things about the YASIG members; they are always there when they are needed. Whether it was serving as Mark Twain or Gateway reader/selectors, taking tickets at the breakfast, or driving an author to the airport, they were always willing to answer my call for help and I thank them for that.

I also, want to thank Terri Clark for asking me to get involved with YASIG and Margaret Booker for helping me find my way in and around the Missouri Library Association. I plan to continue to get the most out of MLA membership by being an active member of the association.

#### \*\*\*NOTES\*\*\*

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

### **Check out YALSA's new blog**

YALSA has entered the wild and wonderful world of blogging. Find election interviews; YALSA lists and awards; thoughts on TAGS, technology, and new librarians; links to other blogs with a YA focus; professional development information, and much more. And feel free to add your own comments.

<http://blogs.ala.org/index.php?blog=5>

### **And don't forget YASIG's listserv**

Share your ideas; solicit ideas from others

To join, click the link below

<http://209.106.46.71/cgi-bin/wa.exe?SUBED1=yasig-l&A=1>

### **Want to know what's happening at the ALA Annual Conference for YA Librarians this year?**

Highlights include a preconference on teen audiobooks. Programs include focusing on outreach to juvenile detention centers, teen initiatives, gaming, graphic novels and anime, teen reviewing, providing access to GLBTQ materials for teens, and teen films. A follow up to the 1995 conference workshop "How Adult is Young Adult?" is also slated. Margaret A. Edwards award-winner, Jacqueline Woodson will address a luncheon crowd on Saturday. For further information about the YALSA programs:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/ProgramDescriptions2006.pdf>

**To register or to learn more about the Annual Conference as a whole or about New Orleans, go to [www.ala.org/annual](http://www.ala.org/annual).**

## RESOURCES

**Coretta Scott King**, pioneer in the civil rights movement and the inspiration for the Coretta Scott King Book Award, died January 30 of this year at the age of 78. The award recognizes outstanding inspirational and educational contributions by an African American author and an African American illustrator each year. The books chosen promote understanding and appreciation of the culture of all peoples and their contribution to the realization of the American dream. Recent award titles with teen appeal include *The Legend of Buddy Bush*, *The First Part Last*, *Bronx Masquerade*, *The Land*, and *Miracle's Boys* (by this year's Margaret A Edwards Award winner, Jacqueline Woodson). For a full annotated list of past winners and honor books as well as a discussion guide and reading level information, go to: [www.ala.org/ala/emiert/corettascottkingbookawards](http://www.ala.org/ala/emiert/corettascottkingbookawards)

**Jacqueline Woodson** is the 2006 recipient of the Margaret A. Edwards Award. The award honors an author's lifetime achievement for writing books that have been popular over a period of time. The annual award is administered by YALSA and sponsored by *School Library Journal* magazine. It recognizes an author's work in helping adolescents become aware of themselves and addressing questions about their role and importance in relationships, society, and in the world. Woodson has written numerous books for YA's. For an annotated list of her YA books:

<http://www.jacquelinewoodson.com/ya.shtml>

### Professional Resources

*Why Do They Act That Way?: A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen* by David Walsh, Ph.D. New York: Free Press, 2004.

Looking for a little info to help bring you or your staff up to speed in their work with teens? This book delves into the brain chemistry that teens have to deal with and provides guidance to adults that will help them set up new and better ways of listening to and communicating with teens. Highly readable. Excellent information.

Want to know who won the **Printz Award**?

[http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/printzaward/Printz\\_Michael\\_L\\_Award.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/printzaward/Printz_Michael_L_Award.htm)

In addition to the awards named above, **YALSA Award lists** include Best Books for Young Adults, Great Graphic Novels for Teens, Outstanding Books for the College Bound, Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers, Selected Audiobooks, Selected DVDs and Videos, and Teens Top Ten.

[www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists)

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