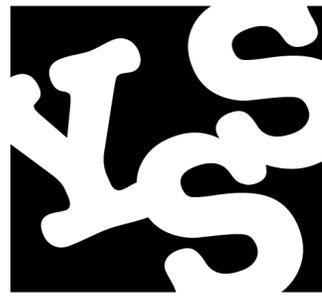


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YOUTH SERVICES SECTION

A Message From Your YSS President

Dear YSS Members,

I have been excited about my year as your president because I have the opportunity to give back to all the YSS members the many benefits I have received from this organization. I joined as a student and attended my very first function with a scholarship to the YSS Spring Conference in Albany where Gregory Maguire was the keynote speaker and Kathryn Lasky was the luncheon speaker. I was so excited with stars in my eyes, meeting these authors, that I asked Gregory Maguire for a copy of his speech. He actually gave it to me! (This was before *Wicked!*) And I was able to help out at the conference with a small job of taking Kathryn Lasky to the airport. Micki Nevett, the Third Year Director for that conference, asked for my help.

Sharing, helping, learning, mentors, friends, laughter, and support are many words that I associate with YSS. I love this organization and the work we all do. I am still amazed that there are so many new and exciting challenges to our jobs, yet we still get excited about the learning and I'll never lose the stars in my eyes when meeting our "rock stars," published authors and illustrators. I hope that as we continue to be challenged with new technologies, ever stretching budgets, and busy summer reading programs you will realize that YSS is here to help you.

So where to start? Laura Panter has an article about the spring conference "Diverse Communities, Meeting the Challenge" which is exactly the place to gather with your fellow librarians to be inspired, make new friends and learn. You are part of YSS and we hope you attend the programs, share your ideas, send a letter to a legislator advocating for libraries, and volunteer in the organization. As a group we will continue to grow new readers and leaders.

YSS President
Joyce Laiosa

YSS Spring Conference on Long Island for 2012

Today more than ever before libraries are being challenged to offer more services and technological support to youth and families on shrinking budgets. The focus of this coming year's 37th annual Youth Services Section's Spring Conference is to meet that challenge head on with innovative programs and resources that will assist library professionals to be the very best in their communities. The conference will be held on Friday, March 23, 2012, at the Holiday Inn Long Island Islip Airport in Ronkonkoma, New York. Whether you are a new graduate just starting a career in library science or a librarian that has worked with children and teens for decades, you will find inspiring ideas and discover new strategies for working with youth.

"Diverse Communities: Meeting the Challenge" is the theme of this day-long conference scheduled from 8:30am until 4:30pm on March 23, 2012. Award-winning author Rita Williams-Garcia will be the featured luncheon speaker. Maria Middleton will be giving us a behind the scenes look at the art and design of children's books in her morning keynote address. Conference participants will be able to select 3 of 15 workshops to attend throughout the day. Workshop topics you don't want to miss include "Help! My Teens Need Service Hours," "In Be-"Tween" Reads" readers' advisory for tweens, library and school collaboration, community outreach for pre-schoolers, using outdoor nature spaces for youth programming, interactive family programming, "Not So Typical Book Discussions" that work, "Successfully Navigating Behavioral Issues in the Library," fundraising and grant opportunities in the 21st century library, "Design on a Dime" youth and teen spaces on a budget, and creative technology programming for children and tweens using iPads.

Beyond the workshop sessions, you will be able to shop our YSS booth which will be stocked with an array of youth-related items. Purchase some of Rita Williams-Garcia's books and get them autographed. Support our Book Donation Service Project by bringing new or gently used books for tweens and teens who must spend their time in the Suffolk County Family Courts. For each book you donate, you will be given a complimentary raffle ticket which can be used for our fantastic gift basket drawings the day of the conference.

Attendance is limited for this event and registrations will be processed in the order in which they are received. Register early so you don't get closed out of your first workshop choices. Graduate students enrolled in MLS programs and YSS member librarians can receive an early bird rate of \$105 until February 25, 2012. Registration includes the workshops, a continental breakfast, and the luncheon. NYLA members of the Section of School Librarians (SSL) and members of youth divisions of out-of-state and international library associations are also allowed to register at the YSS rate. Non-members may register at the early bird rate of \$140. Fees for registrations postmarked after February 25, 2012, will increase to \$150 for non-members and \$115 for students and members. The last day to register is March 8, 2012. Make sure to view our conference brochure online at the YSS Web site, www.nyla.org/yss and print a registration form to use. We hope to see you there!

By Laura Panter

To Our Members

To our members:

Part of the NYLA Strategic Plan that you'll be hearing about in other publications is an expanded use of on-line publishing and use of social networking to spread NYLA news.

One of the things that will be encouraged is short best practices articles which I've been hoping we could do more in YSS too. If you are a regular NYLA conference attendee (and even if you're not) one of the most popular programs we present every year is "Table Talks." At these sessions, each attendee gets to sit in on three sessions where a colleague presents a successful idea they've used for programs.

Craft demonstrations, book club topics, home-made special events sometimes with other local agencies, summer reading ideas, using electronic media and many more topics are covered with simple handouts that give a deeper explanation or pattern, etc. The program has been a fixture for a couple of decades (!) because people love to go back to the job with new ideas that are easily replicable. That was the original idea for the Pied Piper Award as well. Why have everyone reinventing the wheel when we can share those good ideas?

I know just about everyone who's reading this has come up with something easy, fast and surprisingly successful for children, teens, intergenerational groups or classes that you could write up in one or two paragraphs.

I know our editor almost always has room to add short articles (and loves to share pictures) in our Newsletter, so I challenge you to give it a try! Maybe you've already invented the next Teddy Bears Picnic story hour or Teen Challenge to rival Battle of the Books, so why not get credit for it? Anyone doing American Girls?

Here's to great ideas and sharing them!

Rosanne Cerny
Past President

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Opportunities & Privileges of YSS Membership

By being a part of YSS, members enjoy many special programs, resources, and discounted offerings that are only available to those who join. Membership gives qualified support individuals need over the course of their career through professional development opportunities, information on new advances and technologies in children's services, resources and support for finding the best opportunities in New York State and a multitude of occasions to network with peers.

Benefits also increase when the individual becomes more involved in YSS and the advocacy process. By joining committees and roundtables, members become more educated about what is happening at the State level which in turn will eventually affect every library in New York State. Being involved also makes the individual more marketable when looking for new career opportunities.

Right now the economy is tough, folks may be thinking of saving money by not joining NYLA/YSS or renewing their membership. However as trending and the library environment has shown us; an ounce of prevention can be worth a pound of cure.

Can one really afford not to join, renew or be involved?

What's New in Publications

Based on member feedback, library programs and services for tweens will be the topic of a forthcoming NYLA YSS publication. The YSS Publications Committee is seeking ad hoc members to contribute to the creation of a manual that will be available in digital format regarding best practices and their practical application for successful tween services. We plan to include a bibliography of suggested resources on related topics such as marketing, outreach and policy related to this audience, as well as examples of what works – and even what doesn't – in terms of tween library programming. If you are interested in contributing to this new YSS publication in any way, please contact me at bzambito@poklib.org. I hope you'll join us in getting this new publication started!

Beth Zambito, YSS Publications Committee, Chair



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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Fax _____ *Email _____

***We send our newsletter by email only.**

I am interested in helping in the following ways:

- Presenter – YSS Spring Conference _____ NYLA Conference - YSS Tabletalks _____
(Presenting a workshop based on your knowledge and expertise)
 - Room Monitor - YSS Spring Conference _____ NYLA Conference _____
(Handing out evaluation sheets before the program and collecting them after.)
 - Running for office on the YSS board _____
 - Being on a YSS Committee _____
(See reverse side for list of committees)
 - Working at the YSS booth at Spring Conference _____ NYLA Conference _____
 - Writing an article for the newsletter _____
 - Planning YSS programs for NYLA conference _____
 - Local Arrangements person for YSS Spring Conference _____ NYLA Conference _____
 - Web/Computer Work _____
 - Work on a task group to develop a YSS publication _____
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COMMITTEES AND LISTS OF SKILLS

COMMITTEES:

- Scholarship ____
- Pied Piper Award ____
- Empire State Award ____
- Publications ____
- Conference Planning ____
- 3 Apples Award ____

LISTSERV:

____ I am interested in joining the YSS Listserv. This member benefit will offer YSS members another resource for networking and interacting with peers from across the state. Discussions are open to anything related to NYLA/YSS as well as questions and discussions about general youth services work in libraries.

Member News:

Did you have a recent career change, promotion, special activity or honor related to youth services librarianship? Do you have something that you would like to share (new child, grandchild, etc.?) If so, let us know and we will put it in the YSS Transitions section of the YSS newsletter. Take a few moments to let other YSS members know about you.

Name: _____ Position: _____
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I would like to share:

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