Dear YSS Members,

It's that catch-your-breath-time of the year, regular programs are winding down, Summer Reading Club is still in the future, most of us are only planning summer vacations with the family, and the hot weather is creeping in and slowing me down!

There was a time when summer reading wasn't a big thing in libraries I worked at, so weeding was high on the agenda, and programming was more casual—a few craft programs, reading aloud and if we had an outdoor space, a game day or two. Now, many of you will be busier than ever but the important thing to keep in mind about summer reading programs are not the activities, but keeping the kids reading to avoid “summer slide” and also to instill in them the pleasure of reading.

I always made it a point to keep staff from making summer reading too much like school. I had a reading instructor who reminded us that SKILL, DRILL, KILL was not why we taught reading, but for pleasure, lifelong learning and utility. If a kid enjoys reading about his hobby, or is a budding romance lover, this is the time of year they can indulge themselves and get credit (whatever that is in our library) for having fun.

We should also remember that to become good readers, children need to absorb a large volume of words, so let them read easy stuff, let them read silly stuff, let them challenge their minds if that’s what they want to do. Don’t be judgmental about what the kids choose to read, and stay away from making summer reading too competitive so that every child finds a comfort level and comes away from the experience enjoying reading.

It’s a hot muggy day, so I’m going to take my own advice and browse for a good old mystery (one I can’t remember who done it) in my home collection, and spend the afternoon indulging in a good read! I’d go to the library to find something, but unfortunately the library budget here in the city is so awful that Queens Library has had to stop buying new books to keep the doors open! I also have to remember to write a check for the Buy A Book campaign so that some kid will find that perfect silly, romantic, challenging library book that will make them love reading as much as I do!

Have a lovely summer.

Rosanne Cerny, YSS President
**1st VICE-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT**

**Name:** Jennifer Ogrodowski  
**Nominee For:** 1st Vice President/President Elect

**Present Position:**  
Department Head, Youth Services, Saratoga Springs Public Library, Saratoga Springs, NY (Full-time)

**Prior Professional Experience:**  
Department Head, Youth Services, Guilderland Public Library, Guilderland, NY  
Librarian, Youth Services, Guilderland Public Library, Guilderland, NY  
Librarian, Youth Services, Albany Public Library, Albany, NY  
Storyteller, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, NY  
Librarian, State University of New York, University at Albany, Albany, NY  
Graduate Assistant, University Library User Education Department, State University of New York, University at Albany, Albany, NY  
Student Teacher, English Gr. 7-12, Spencerport Public Schools, Spencerport, NY

**Education:**  
MLS, State University of New York, University at Albany, Albany, NY  
BS, English with Minors in Psychology and Education (7-12), State University of New York, College at Brockport, Brockport, NY  
AS, General Studies, Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY

**Professional Activities and Affiliations:**  
NYLA/YSS Fall Conference Planning Committee Member 2007-2009, Chair 2008  
NYLA Conference 2010 Panel Presenter for YSS  
NYLA Conference 2010, 2011 Table Talk Presenter for YSS  
Member of NYLA 2002-2003 and 2004 to present  
Member of ALA 2002-2003  
Member of ALA/PLA and ALA/YALSA 2010-2011

**Position Statement:**  
It is my belief that children and teens need to be encouraged and supported as they develop their interests, imagination, and creativity. As a public librarian who is given the opportunity to work with young people on a regular basis, I see the importance of such work when a child clasps an item in his/her arms and beams with bright eyes and an uninhibited smile of delight when a good match is discovered. In the position we hold as youth advocates, we have the power and the ability to continue to foster this love of knowledge, this delight in discovery through the work we do. We encourage our youth to grow and we become faces and voices that illuminate the importance of this to others when we choose to serve in positions such as the office of 1st VP/President Elect. I look forward to the opportunity to join my colleagues in this profession as we continue to advocate for and to serve our young people.
Name: Christina Ryan-Linder

Nominee For: Second Vice President/Membership

Present Position:
Head of Young Adult Services, Pearl River Public Library
Substitute Librarian, Albert Wisner Public Library

Prior Professional Experience:
Youth Services & Community Connections Coordinator, Mid Hudson Library System
Librarian I Children’s Services, Finkelstein Memorial Library
Library Assistant, Monroe Free Library
Adjunct Professor, Marist College
Adjunct Professor, Laboratory Institute of Merchandising

Education:
Fashion Institute of Technology: AAS Merchandising & BS Marketing
University at Albany: MS Information Science & Technology

Professional Activities and Affiliations:
YSS Member & Presenter at the 2011 Conference
Westchester Library Association: Presenter at the 2010 & 2011 Conferences
Northern Westchester & Putnam BOCES: Presenter at the 2010 Conference Workshop Planner & Presenter for the Mid-Hudson Library System 2009-2011
Library Association of Rockland County Member 2008-present
ALA/YALSA Member 2009-present
NOVEL-NY Steering Committee Member 2009-present
Library Consultant, Marketing & Communications Librarian
http://thelibrarianpost.shutterfly.com/

Position Statement:
I am very passionate about libraries and youth services. Advocacy for children and young adults is one of the most important roles a librarian can play in the community and within the professional organization. Advocacy must extend beyond the 9-5 work day to help keep prevalent in the minds of all citizens, the importance of literacy, children and libraries. With my marketing background I hope to bring a fresh perspective to the duties entailed under Second Vice President/Membership and to encourage new ideas going forward. Getting everyone on board talking about libraries, services and youth starts with individual librarians in their own community, helping them to understand how important it is to be part of an organization such as YSS and then widening that circle of advocacy to reach a larger audience. I hope to be part of that motivation and enthusiasm.
YSS ELECTIONS (con’t)

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP

Name: Lisa C. Wemett, MSLS

Nominee For: Second Vice-President/Membership

Present Position: Third Year Director of the Executive Board of YSS and Chair of 2011 Spring Conference; YSS Archivist

Prior Professional Experience:
Assistant Library Director III for Reference and Teen Services, Webster (NY) Public Library (1/97 to 3/09, retired)
Youth Services Coordinator, Pioneer Library System, Canandaigua, NY
Assistant Director for Young Adult and Information Services, Fairport (NY) Public Library
Children’s and Young Adult Services, Osterhout Free Library, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Education:
B.A. Literature, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL
M.S. in Library Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Professional Activities and Affiliations:
American Library Association (Life member)
ALA/Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)
NYLA/Youth Services Section: 2009 Spring Conference Planning Committee; Publications Committee; Nominating Committee (1997-98); Chair, Long-Range Planning Committee (1992-1994); President (1990-91); Long-Range Planning Committee (1988-89); Third Year Director (1987-88); Secretary (1984-87, two terms).
New York Statewide Summer Reading Program Committees, 1996-1999.
New York Library Association: 1999-2002, Exhibits Committee; 1995-1996, Ad Hoc Committee on Structure and Governance; Awards Committee; Membership Committee; Bylaws Review Committee; Continuing Education Committee; 1993-1996, Councilor-at-Large; Nominating Committee; Conference Advisory Committee.

Position Statement:
Are you a member of YSS? Er, that’s preaching to the choir, isn’t it? But I think you might hear me ask that question quite a few times over the next two years. And what I will want to hear is “YES”! “YES to YSS” has a pretty good ring to it. Our Section and Executive Board needs to identify, welcome, and utilize the skills of new and experienced youth services librarians. Whatever type of library, whatever level of service, youth services is the life’s blood of library communities. Strengthening our clout with funders, administrators, and State representatives will only help us serve our children, tweens, and teens better. High numbers on our membership rosters can translate into advocacy and support for our Section’s activities and priorities. Retention of experienced members is just as critical as securing new members. Recognizing that it all starts with one invitation, one “yes” to join, and a commitment to serve, I know that becoming the Second Vice-President for Membership is a vital role in YSS. Please let me do that work for you.
YSS ELECTIONS (con’t)

TREASURER

Name: Dorothy Morehouse

Nominee For: Treasurer

Present Position:
Youth Services Librarian, Newark Public Library, Newark NY

Prior Professional Experience:
Cataloguing Assistant, Poetry and Rare Books Collection, SUNY at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

Education:
Master of Library Science, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Nazareth College, Rochester, NY

Professional Activities and Affiliations:
Member NYLA/YSS: 2007-present
Presenter: NYLA Annual Conference 2010, YSS Spring Conference 2011
3 Apples Book Award Committee Member: 2009-present, Co-Chair 2011
Greater Rochester Teen Book Festival committee member: 2007-present

Position Statement:

Having both of my grandmothers as librarians, it seems natural that my choice profession is librarianship. However as a young adult, my dream was to move to New York City and be an accountant. After spending four years of undergrad working for accountants and with local businesses, I realized I missed the world of libraries and the excitement and challenges it brought to my life. Now I can’t imagine my life without libraries and librarians. Working with young people at the library is an adventure that number crunching never was for me. Because budgets are a huge part of the library world I’m very glad for the training I received.

One of the joys of librarianship for me has been my work with YSS and NYLA. The connections that have been made in this organization has been an outlet for the joys and pains of my job. I believe that working with other librarians is a critical part of how libraries will continue in the 21st century. It might be combining ideas, supplies or money, but working together is how we will remain strong. It is an honor for me to be a nominee for treasurer of YSS. I look forward to working with librarians across the state to continue their support of young library users. After all, it is my family business.
YSS ELECTIONS (con’t)

TREASURER

Name: Cheryl Masie

Nominee For: Treasurer

Present Position:
Currently not employed.

Prior Professional Experience:
Librarian I Teen Services, Sachem Public Library, Holbrook, NY (Full-time)
Librarian I Children’s Services, Sachem Public Library, Holbrook, NY (Full-time)
Head of Youth Services, John Jermain Memorial Library, Sag Harbor, NY (Full-time)
Librarian I Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library, Shirley, NY (Part-time)

Education:
Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus, Brookville, NY, Public Library Administrators Certificate Program, Graduated 2011
Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus, Brookville, NY, Masters in Library and Information Science, MLS, Graduated 2004
Dowling College, Oakdale, NY, Bachelor’s in Business Administration/Accounting, Graduated 2002
Suffolk County Community College, Riverhead, NY, Associate’s in Accounting, Graduated 2000

Professional Activities and Affiliations:
Member NYLA/YSS
Member ALA/YALSA
Treasurer of YASD/SCLA 2007

Position Statement:
My passion has always been to encourage lifelong reading among our youth and have been doing so for my entire career. Beginning as a Children’s Librarian and then later a Teen Librarian, I have always focused my attention on the importance of matching books with children. However, it goes beyond that. Today’s youth is faced with many obstacles and I have dedicated much time to facilitating programs that allow teens to come in and busy themselves with books, crafts, community service, cooking and a number of other activities. Through the inspiration of different professional organizations I was able to network with others and develop many of these services. I look forward to the opportunity to share my ideas and network with other librarians for new ideas. I promise to work hard to bring new and innovative ideas to our librarians in New York State.
YSS ELECTIONS (con’t)

FIRST YEAR DIRECTOR

Name: Terry Rabideau

Nominee For: First Year Director

Present Position:
Librarian I, Children’s Services, White Plains Public Library, White Plains, NY

Prior Professional Experience:
Part-Time Junior Librarian, Children’s Services, White Plains Public Library, White Plains, NY
PT Librarian. Children’s Services, John C. Hart Memorial Library, Shrub Oak, NY
PT Program Assistant, Children’s Services, White Plains Public Library. White Plains, NY
PT Library Principal Associate, Children’s and Adult Services, Sandy Springs Regional Library, Atlanta, GA
PT Library Assistant/Extra Help, Orange County Public Library, Irvine, CA
PT Assistant Specialist/Extension Educator, Minnesota Extension Service, St. Paul, MN
County Extension Agent, Agriculture, Minnesota Extension Service,
    Chisago County Extension Office, North Branch, MN
Cooperative Extension Agent, Jefferson County Cooperative Extension, Watertown, NY

Education:
MS, Library and Information Science, Palmer School of Library and Information Science, Long Island University, Brookville, NY
MS, Agronomy, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN
BS, Agronomy, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Professional Activities and Affiliations:
Member, NYLA/YSS, 2002-present, presenter at YSS Spring Conference 2007
Member, ALA/ALSC, 2002-present
Member, Westchester Library Association, 2002-present
Member, Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, 1981-present
Member, American Society of Agronomy, 1981-2001

Position Statement:
I have worked in public libraries, children’s services, for over seventeen years. Though during many of those years my positions were part-time, I concentrated on developing my approach and skills for delivering library services and programming for the children in the communities in which I worked. Since I completed my library degree, and moved into a full-time librarian role five years ago, my basic goal has further solidified into helping instill in youth a love for words, language, and stories and the confidence to seek out answers to questions from the resources that libraries provide. I recognize that library professionals have much to share with each other in the field and that the New York Library Association Youth Services Section provides an invaluable opportunity for continued development through cooperation. I am excited to give to my profession by serving on the Executive Board of New York Library Association Youth Services Section as a facilitator in that effort.
Join YSS at NYLA
2011 Fall Conference
November 2-5
in Saratoga Springs

“Mother Goose on the Loose” CE Workshop*
presented by Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen
An all-day workshop with information about baby
brain development and school readiness, as well as
a hands-on Mother Goose on the Loose session. By
the end of this workshop, participants should feel
comfortable planning & running their own sessions.

Thursday Programs:

Rocking Teens
with Social Media
by YA author
Michelle Zink
(Prophecy of the Sisters trilogy)

Sex in YA Fiction:
How Far is Too Far?
by YA author
Eric Luper
(Seth Baumgartner’s Love Manifesto)

Friday Programs:

Video Game Design: No Programming Needed!
Telling Tales* (Ann Gibson Scholarship event)
Empire State Award Luncheon*
Storytimes that Sizzle

Saturday Programs:
YSS Table Talks

* extra charge/ticketed event

There is also a variety of youth- and teen-centered workshops that are
cosponsored by YSS and being presented by EFRT, PLS, and SLMS!

NYTH SERVICES SECTION

NY Libraries
ROCK — and so
does YSS!

Come early to
take part in our
“Mother Goose
on the Loose” CE
(Continuing
Education)
workshop on
Wednesday, and
stay late so you
don’t miss the
wide assortment
of Table Talks on
Saturday.

It doesn’t matter
if you work with
babies, toddlers,
school-age kids,
or teens... There
is something for
everyone at the
2011 NYLA Fall
Conference!

I hope to see you
all in Saratoga in
November.

Chrissie Morrison
YSS Conference
Planning Chair
Suffolk County Librarians were very busy in April.

On April 8\textsuperscript{th} at the Harborfields Public Library was the 2011 Fran Romer Memorial Booktalk Workshop. This year’s theme was “Truth is Stranger than Fiction: Non-fiction for Teens”. Those in attendance were delighted by the keynote speaker, Marc Aronson, author and editor.

On April 29\textsuperscript{th} the Advanced Battles of the Books for teens in grades 9\textsuperscript{th} through 12\textsuperscript{th} was held at the West Islip Public Library. All teens read and became experts on the same three books- \textit{The Hunger Games} by Suzanne Collins, \textit{Little Brother} by Cory Doctorow, and \textit{The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau Banks}. Cheers to the Emma S. Clark Memorial Library for coming in first place!

The very next day, April 30\textsuperscript{th}, was Suffolk County’s very first Authors Unlimited at St. Joseph’s College! Twelve authors and one illustrator were greeted by over 200 teens and their families, a marching band and some very excited librarians. Authors were able to meet their biggest fans, give out some writing tips, answer questions and sign copies of their books. In the morning a DJ pumped everyone up while teens made buttons, spun a wheel for prizes and posed with their friends in a photo booth. The following week all Suffolk County librarians went on a vacation...or just dreamed of one.

-Stephanie Kyle
“Thanks” just does not seem enough to express my appreciation to everyone who helped make our 36th annual conference, “Libraries in Bloom,” so successful! **Pat Connor, Rochester Public Library,** coordinated all registration details for our 147 attendees. **Karen Hultz, Irondequoit Public Library / McGraw Branch,** served as Workshop Coordinator for our fourteen sessions. **Cathy Kyle, Chili Public Library,** handled our book sale and autographing sessions with Barnes and Noble – Pittsford as well as presenting her own workshop. **Shana Lynott, Tompkins County Public Library,** worked on our new book donations service project which collected over 100 new children’s and teen books for our local literacy partners. **Terry Mulee** volunteered to design everything from our “Libraries in Bloom” logo to our certificates of attendance. The day of the conference, she was our “go-to” audiovisual troubleshooter! **Liz O’Toole, Walworth-Seely Public Library,** recruited volunteers with **Cathy Henderson, Greece Public Library,** to design fourteen outstanding gift baskets for our annual raffle basket fund-raiser. **Melissa Painton, Webster Public Library** coordinated our vendors and displays including Guildcraft Arts & Crafts and the Rochester Etsy Street Team. **YSS First Year Director Laura Panter, Middle Country Public Library,** presented a workshop and ably served the committee from a distance, preparing for her role as 2012 Spring Conference Chair.

But the planning committee could not do this alone! YSS keeps it costs to a minimum for our conferences by asking our members to volunteer their time and talents to offer our workshops. Along with Laura Panter and Cathy Kyle, eleven other YSS members agreed to present at the conference. We’d like to thank our speakers: Mary Ferris, Children’s Librarian, Wood Library, Canandaigua; Jennifer Preisser, Youth Services Librarian, Greece Public Library; Ginger Tebo, School Librarian, Clifton Fine Central School, Star Lake; Adrienne Furness, Children’s and Family Services Librarian, Webster Public Library; Karen Balsen, Youth Services Liaison, Division of Library Development, New York State Library; Chris Daily, Teen Services Coordinator, Seymour Library, Brockport; Jane McManus, Library Assistant, Winton Branch, Rochester Public Library; Christina Ryan-Linder, Pearl River Public Library; Polly-Ailda Farrington, Technology Consultant and Trainer, PA Farrington Associates; Robin Benoit, Children’s Services Librarian, Fairport Public Library; and Ruth Otto, Children’s Services, McGraw Branch, Irondequoit Public Library.

Joining the ranks of our presenters, 28 more attendees said “yes” when I asked them to serve as room monitors and presiders to make sure our sessions ran smoothly. Add in our raffle basket makers and helpers with our book sale, YSS booth, and registration table and you’ll soon realize that more than 30% of our entire number of conference participants contributed to the success of the day. It is truly a team effort.

Every year, spring and fall, YSS’s conference planners need speakers and helpers. We know you have a great program to share or skills that could help a colleague in your job in youth services. Look for the YSS Active Member Form elsewhere in this newsletter. I encourage you to fill it out and send it in to let us know how you would like to volunteer to help YSS at future events.

In what I believe to be a conference “first,” our featured author Susan Campbell Bartoletti received a score of Excellent from 99.14% of our audience for her luncheon talk about her research and personal experiences in writing her award-winning non-fiction. One participant succinctly summed it up with “WOW!” In fact, some of the audience developed their own rankings, as they did not feel our scale went high enough, including five stars, EEE, E++, and E!! Liz Burns also garnered “Excellent” for her keynote address, “Toy Story, Glee, and Reality TV: Pop Culture and the Future of Youth Services,” from 65% of our participants.

A first-time conference attendee stated on her evaluation, “This was the most useful conference I’ve ever attended. Thank you!” Another participant with more than 25 years of youth services experience deemed the conference “a perfect, energizing day!” Evaluation after evaluation bore out their experiences. Our five top-rated workshops were the children’s program swap, Susan Campbell Bartoletti’s creative writing workshop, the tween programmes from the Oshawa (Canada) Public Libraries presented by Tammy Robinson, helping homeschoolers in the library, and Babies and Books: Doing Story Time for our Youngest Readers.

Again, thank you for a wildly successful conference! It was a pleasure for all of us to bring it to you.

By Lisa C. Wemett, Third Year Director and Conference Chair

**The YSS Spring Conference Planning Committee and featured speakers celebrate a successful day!**

Front row, seated, left to right: Author Susan Campbell Bartoletti, Conference Chair Lisa Wemett, Keynote speaker Liz Burns

Back row, left to right: Terry Mulee, Cathy Kyle, Melissa Painton, Shana Lynott, Cathy Henderson, Karen Hultz, Pat Connor, Liz O’Toole  (Missing from the photo: Laura Panter)

Photo by Elizabeth Kwiatkowski
Can’t visit your Washington, D.C.; Albany, NY or your own county, city, village, town officials in person this summer because you’re busy helping kids in your libraries? Instead, visit them virtually! ALA and NYLA both have pages on how to get started and help you frame your messages. Get on their email action lists and they’ll let you know when it is most effective to send your message. Take a look at their action pages, and duplicate library support messages on your library’s blog, Facebook, Twitter, and the “Next Best Thing Page.” Make it easy for your constituents to send their own stories and support libraries. Here are some links to get you started:

NYLA:  
http://www.nyla.org/page/advocacy-5.html

ALA:  
http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/wo/washevents/nlld/virtuallibrarylegislative/day/vlld.cfm

Use your cameras this summer! Share your summer stories with everyone.

Sue Rokos  
YSS Legislative Liaison  
Assistant Director/Youth Services Consultant  
Mohawk Valley Library System

Don’t forget to renew your nyla & yss memberships!!
Name:____________________________________________________________________

Institution:________________________________________________________________

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City:_____________________________________ State:_________ Zip Code:_________

Work Phone:_________________________ Home Phone:__________________________

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*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 is 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 an elected position on the YSS Executive Board____
- Being on a YSS Committee _____
  (See reverse side for list of committees.)
- Working at the YSS booth at the Spring Conference_____ NYLA Conference_____  
- Writing an article for the newsletter____
- Planning YSS programs for the NYLA Conference_____  
- Local Arrangements person for the YSS Spring Conference_____ NYLA Conference____
- Web/Computer Work____
- Work on a task group to develop a YSS publication____
## Committees and Lists of Skills

### Committees
- Scholarship _____
- Pied Piper Award _____
- Empire State Award _____
- Publications _____
- Conference Planning _____
- 3 Apples Award _____
- Web Advisory_____

### 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.

**Please fill out and return to:**
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Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library  
407 William Floyd Pkwy.  
Shirley, NY 11967  
Phone: 631-399-1511 x292 Fax: 631-281-4442  
stephanieakyle@yahoo.com

### Member News
Did you have a recent career change, promotion, special activity or honor related to youth services librarianship? Do you have some personal news 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.

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