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A Message From Your YSS President

As we turn the page on a new year, I find myself seeking to be encouraging in a dark economic time for our state and for many of our libraries. Maybe you are feeling the pinch of recent budget cuts, maybe you have even lost a job, or maybe you are simply very heavy of heart for others around you. What can we do for each other?

Make your first stop Sue Rokos' *Legislatively Yours* article in this issue for some tips for advocacy and staying connected. It is in times like these that we, more than ever, need to make sticking together a priority.

Secondly, do stay connected. Beginning with this winter issue, you will see several new features that will help us to stay linked as a membership. First, an old feature, *J/YA 920* (Biographies) will be resurrected as *YSS Transitions*. In searching for YSS members in recent NYLA *Members on the Move* articles, I was impressed by the wide variety of employment and background represented. I found magazine editors, directors of libraries and library systems, library school faculty, and many public and school librarians – all united by their interest in seeing each successive generation of children become successful readers. I have done the collecting this time, but from now on Second Vice President/Membership, [Stephanie Kyle](#), will be collecting your news and sharing it in each issue. Be sure to contact her - we want to hear from you!

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The YSS Newsletter will also feature a member or two in greater depth. This issue features our new editor, Tracy Van Dyne, from the Suffolk County Library System. I hope that many of you will also share snapshots of yourselves or members that you have found interesting. Just send them to [Tracy](#).

Finally, whether you find yourself “doing more with less,” working “smarter, not harder” or wanting just to work, do so with hope. Our work remains valuable, our clientele born anew each day, and YSS and NYLA are on the job, reminding our citizens and those who represent them of just how essential our work is.

Sarah Sachs
YSS President



Legislatively Speaking

"Oh, the [legislative] weather out there is frightful!"

We've had a tumultuous season here in Albany. It's sleeting, it's downcast, it's sunny, the cold is finally settling in. Which legislative news should we listen to? And which links should we check on to find out when, where, and how to make our voices heard? Just how do we cope legislatively these days?

NYLINE is New York's Libraries Information Network E-mail list which gives us up-to-the-minute information about NYS library news, and especially important, news from the New York Library Association.

Keep alert to NYLINE and make sure that your NYLINE account is current. If it's not, or you don't know what NYLINE is, go to <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/nyline.htm>, and sign up! From there, our NYLA leaders and director let us know when our action is needed and what to do, even how to send our messages.

Sign yourself up and encourage your library staff, colleagues, volunteers and patrons to sign up at the Online Advocacy Center <http://capwiz.com/ala/ny/mlm/verify/> which sends critical emails when there is a need for immediate public advocacy through the Contact Your Elected Officials button on the NYLA website www.nyla.org.

In fact, put the "Become a Library Advocate! Contact Your Elected Officials" icon directly on your website and make it easy for you and your users to advocate for libraries online, because in this climate we need the Legislators to know we're freezing out here!

Sue Rokos

YSS Legislative Liaison

3 Apples Book Award

Announcing the nominations for the 2010 3 Apples Book Award!

Be a part of the only true children's choice book award in New York State! Encourage the kids in your library to read at least three of the nominated titles before voting begins in April. www.3ApplesBookAward.org



Young Reader's Choice Award Nominees

All for Pie, Pie for All by David Martin

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin

The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss

Clifford, the Big Red Dog by Norman Bridwell

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! by Mo Willems

Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus by Barbara Park

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

No, David! by David Shannon

Pinkalicious by Victoria Kann

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

Skippyjon Jones by Judith Schachner

Children's Choice Award Nominees

The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days by Jeff Kinney

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules by Jeff Kinney

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw by Jeff Kinney

Ghost Camp by R.L. Stine

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J.K. Rowling

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling

Junie B., First Grader (at last) by Barbara Park

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

New Moon by Stephenie Meyer

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

Superfudge by Judy Blume

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Teen Choice Award Nominees

Breaking Dawn by Stephenie Meyer

The Dead and the Gone by Susan Pfeffer

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J.K. Rowling

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

I Know What You Did Last Summer by Lois Duncan

New Moon by Stephenie Meyer

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Push by Sapphire

Solving Zoe by Barbara Dee

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Pied Piper Award

It's Time To Be Appreciated For Your Brilliant Ideas

The Pied Piper Award recognizes excellence in the creation of promotional materials for a library program, or the creation of an individual program that promotes service to the young people of New York State Libraries.

Send us a description of your creative program or copies of your promotional materials. You may be the dedicated librarian(s) to be awarded the 2011 Pied Piper Award from the Youth Services Section of NYLA and receive a \$50 bookstore gift certificate! Please review the criteria for submission and send all required information to:

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Entries must be received by December 3, 2010 for items produced between January 1, 2010 and December 1, 2010. Please print clearly.

http://www.nyla.org/content/user_12/piedpiperform2010-2.pdf

Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers. ~Charles W. Eliot

Back to Basics

Join us on **Friday April 9 in Albany!**
Holiday Inn - Wolf Road

Conference Highlights:

- Megan Lambert, Children's Literature & Outreach Associate at the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art
- Top publishing companies highlighting their new line-up of books for children, 'tweens', & teens
- Tabletalks: graphic novels for kids/'tweens', author visits, boys/reluctant readers, book clubs, & more
- Public & School Library Cooperation
- Collaborating with your Community

- Exciting & Engaging Storytimes
- 2010 Summer Reading Program
- Social networking
- Crafts for all ages
- Plus our feature luncheon author and much more!

Look for more information coming your way soon!

*Reserve your hotel room now. Hotel reservations can be made by calling **1-800-HOLIDAY.***

*Ask for the **Youth Services Conference Block.***

Single rate \$115 / Double rate \$115 for Thursday April 8th.

NYLA's Library Lobby Day 2010



Make plans to attend!

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

*Empire State Plaza
Meeting Room 6*

Albany, NY

Check out NYLA's Advocacy webpage to learn how to contact your elected officials, read the latest Press Releases, and to sign up to join your fellow library advocates at Lobby Day on March 2nd.

See you there!

To choose a good book, look in an inquisitor's prohibited list. ~John Aikin

2010 New York State Summer Reading

Summer Reading Programs are Fun and Promote Literacy!

Public libraries across the State encourage reading through the New York Statewide Summer Reading Program. In 2010, kids will go to the library to **Make A Splash – Read!** The artwork is by children's book illustrator Henry Cole. The teen theme, **Make Waves @ Your Library**, features artwork by illustrator Ursula Vernon.

Children and families visit public libraries to choose what they want to read as part of a summertime mix of activities. [Research shows that children who read during the summer perform better when school resumes in the fall.](#) Kids have been participating in the statewide program since 1992, in ever-growing numbers.

The New York State Library participates in the national Collaborative Summer Library Program with 47 other states. The theme, high-quality artwork, and educational activities attract kids to the summer reading program at their local library. The State Library provides the Summer Reading Program manual with creative ideas, projects and reading lists to over 1,100 public libraries and branch libraries in New York State.

National, State and Local Partnerships Keep Kids Reading!

- Libraries use each year's Statewide Summer Reading Program theme to forge new partnerships in local communities. For 2010 - think Water! Partner with water conservation groups, parks, aquariums, beaches, the YMCA and more!
- The New York State Library made federal LSTA mini-grants available to public library systems to help local libraries implement the 2010 Summer Reading Program. [\[See a list of 2009 federal LSTA grants.\]](#)

Librarians and libraries throughout the country contribute ideas for the summer reading program and creatively adapt the program to local needs and interests.

Statewide Summer Reading Program Web Sites

The official [New York Statewide Summer Reading Program web site](#) includes activities, links and information for children, teens, families, caregivers, librarians and educators.

[This State Library web page](#) includes information and research for librarians and educators.

For More Information

Contact: [Karen Balsen](#), Statewide Summer Reading Program Coordinator, New York State Library, Division of Library Development, 518-486-2194.

(www. NYSed.gov)

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Never judge a book by its movie. ~J.W. Eagan



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Institution _____

Address _____

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.

Please make sure you have provided your email on the first page.

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 _____

Library _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email _____

I would like to share

Please continue on a separate sheet if needed.

Please fill out and return to:

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YSS Transitions

Beginning with this issue, our newsletter will accept submissions of news from our members. Please send news to [Stephanie Kyle](#), Second Vice President/Membership.

Rosanne Cerny, YSS First Vice President/President Elect and Director of Children's Services for Queens Borough Public Library, recently retired after 40 years serving her area's youth.

Scott Jarzombek is now Head of Youth Services at Poughkeepsie Library District and a new dad – welcome Silas! **Victoria Russo**, Albany Public Library, recently replaced Scott as the YSS Web Liaison.

Jen Ogrodowski is now Head of Youth Services at Saratoga Springs Public Library.

We are very grateful to **Kelly Tomaseski**, Director at the Town of Esopus Library, for her work as the YSS Newsletter Editor. Kelly recently passed the newsletter torch to **Tracy Van Dyne**, featured in this issue's *Who is YSS?*

In addition, the following YSS members have been recognized in the NYLA Bulletin over the past year for their awards, new jobs, promotions and retirement after long years of service: **Kimberly Bolan Cullin, Barbara Genco, Margaret J Gibson, Donna Hanus, Sue McConnell, Trevor Oakley, Linda A. Nichols, Anne Perrault, Deborah Shoup, Rocco Staino, Patricia Uttaro, and Lisa C. Wemett.** If you have not already done so, please check out their news [online](#).

Who is YSS?

Recently I have been following the posts of various members on Facebook and discovered that one of our members, Tracy Van Dyne, seemed to be very, very busy, so I asked her a little about herself.

Tracy works as the Head of Young Adult Services at the Connetquot Public Library and as a Youth and Family Services Librarian at the Hauppauge Public Library in Suffolk County. She is a Co-chair of the Exhibits committee for this May's Long Island Library Conference, is the Past President and Newsletter Editor for the SCLA Young Adult Services Division and is the Vice-President/President Elect for the Suffolk County Library Association.



She was also chosen by ALSC to attend the Bill Morris Seminar at this year's ALA Midwinter and is taking Library Administration courses. For YSS, Tracy chairs the Publications committee and is also our newsletter editor.

To quote Lucille Ball, *"If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it!"* Thanks, Tracy.

By Sarah Sachs
YSS President