YSS/SSL Advocacy Task Force

Charge

To explore avenues for YSS and SSL to collaborate in advocacy for the value of robust library service for youth, which includes supporting and promoting the merit of both school librarians and public youth services librarians.

Membership and meetings

The YSS/SSL Advocacy Task Force consists of four members plus a chair. Two members will be appointed by SSL and two members plus a chair will be appointed by YSS.

The YSS/SSL Advocacy Task Force will meet virtually using Google docs, through conference calls, or through other Web-based meeting platforms that may be available to all members. The Task Force has the option to meet in person if member circumstances allow for full participation.

This task force is expected to disband following NYLA Annual Conference 2018, although there is some possibility for its extension.

Activities

This work will include:

- Crowdsourcing membership of relevant sections for collaborative advocacy ideas
- Interviewing NYLA leadership about collaborative advocacy opportunities they see
- Creating a list of possible collaborative advocacy activities, in priority order
- Recommending to both boards options for next steps, including the desirability of a joint YSS/SSL Advocacy committee, new task force, or other method to implement joint advocacy initiatives

Deliverables:

Final joint report to YSS and SSL boards by October 31, 2018, summarizing activity, recommendations for collaborative advocacy activities, and suggested next steps.