Message From the President

Happy Winter!

I hope everyone had a fantastic #BestConferenceEver a few weeks ago! I also hope that your new ink is healing nicely if you were able to get a tattoo!

Some changes occurred at our 2019 Membership Meeting.

Spring Conference Directors:

We changed the terms and name of our Spring Conference Directors. Spring Conference Directors will now be a two year term and their title will correspond with the year of the conference they are planning. When we call for a new slate, we will be looking for our 2022 Spring Conference Director. I have to say, it’s a fantastic experience to plan a conference in your back yard!

Fall Conference Curation Committee:

To alleviate some confusion between the different conference planners, we changed the name of our Conference Committee to the Fall Conference Curation Committee to align with NYLA’s naming convention. This 3 person committee is responsible for planning YSS activities for the Annual Fall NYLA Conference.

SSL Partnership:

In 2019, we regrettably ended our partnership with NYLA-SSL for 3 Apples; however, we are now partnering with SSL on TWO new endeavors.

The Statewide Battle of the Books Task Force has requested to become an official YSS/SSL Committee. Stay tuned for how to join!

The YSS/SSL Youth Advocacy Committee has met and are working to foster greater community-level public/school librarian collaboration.

NYLA has a fantastic new website now and we will be updating our section to be more functioning for the needs of our members. Take a look around www.nyla.org/yss and tell us what you think! While you’re there, consider apply-
I look forward to seeing any and all that will be able to meet up in Albany for Advocacy Day on Tuesday, February 25, 2020. If you have never been before because you’re not sure what to say, don’t worry! Share specific stories of how your library changed lives or just watch! There are plenty of people who can help lead the conversation. Just being there in your Representative’s office or at the rally helps send the message that libraries are essential; libraries are education; libraries are our past, present and future, and we will not be shushed!

If you can’t make it in February, I’m not sure if you heard, but our Spring Conference is May 15, 2020 in...CLAYTON!

Amanda Schiavulli
President

Website Updates

NYLA rolled out a new website design in September! All content and pages are the same, just with a fresh new look. We hope this new design proves to be more inviting to visitors. Additionally, the site is now responsive, which means it will automatically resize on phones and tablets. Take a look at nyla.org/yss and let me know if you have any feedback or suggestions.

Amy Holland
Communication Committee Liaison and Web Liaison
Amy.Holland@libraryweb.org
YANCY WANTS YOU!

For YSS Committees or the YSS Board

2020 Committees
- Empire State Award
- Marketing
- Scholarship
- Pied Piper Award
- Fall Conference Curation
- Youth Advocacy

2020 Board Positions
- President Elect
- 2nd Vice President—Membership Chair
- Spring Conference Director:
  - 2022 Spring Conference

Interested?
https://tinyurl.com/yssactivemember
2020 Calendar of YSS Membership Engagement

As 2019 draws to a close, I thought we could all use a little help with our New Year’s Resolutions. Below are some goals to incorporate into your plans.

**January** - Check on the status of your NYLA and YSS membership and make a note on your calendar when it will expire. Update your information on your NYLA profile that is out of date. Apply for the [Spring Conference Scholarship](#), the deadline is Feb. 1. Work on your youth services certification by applying to the [YSS EALA](#).

**February** - Assert your influence by participating in the [Legislative Advocacy Day](#) on Feb. 25 at the New York State Capitol. Take a stab at publishing a membership profile in the YSS Newsletter, submissions go to me - 2nd V-P. Register for the [YSS 2020 Spring Conference - Stone Soup: Stronger Libraries Through Inclusion and Collaboration](#) to be held in Clayton, NY on May 15th. Make a weekend of it by attending the [Rochester Teen Book Festival](#) the next day.

**March** - Take a stab at speaking or publishing at a youth-sponsored events state-wide. The [Children’s Literacy Connection](#) co-hosts a Caldecott-Newbery Tea in April. Ever wonder what it is like to serve on these National Committees? Attend or prepare a presentation of one of the 2020 award winners to find out. Give back by volunteering for the [YSS Executive Board](#) or award committees. Elections begin June 15.

**April** - Time to Spring clean that resume off, and write a membership profile to introduce yourself to the membership. Help promote YSS by purchasing booth items at upcoming conferences, lending a hand as a Conference helper, wear your YSS tag with your Conference badge. Don’t forget to work on your [YSS EALA application](#) for 2021, registration opens June 1st.

**May** - Get ready to attend the Spring Conference. Don’t forget to network at the Past President’s Dinner, which is not just for past presidents of the YSS Executive Board. It is a networking dinner that also honors pass YSS Presidents. Help us come up with a more inclusive title for this event. Please send submissions to: Lisa Neuman. Consider giving back by volunteering for the YSS Executive Board or award committees. Voting begins in June.

**June** - Participate in online announcements and alerts found on our social media platforms: Facebook: [yssnyla](#), Twitter: [@YSSNYLA](#). Don’t have a social media presence, subscribe to [NYLINE](#), and the [YSS Listserv](#), and please share the information you find of interest. Start your submissions! The [YSS EALA application](#) opens; consider applying for the [Stephanie Squicciarini Memorial Scholarship](#).

**July** - Summer Reading is in full swing, but don’t forget to register to attend NYLA and snag the early bird registration rate, and lodging. It will be in Saratoga in November.

**August** - Just completed graduate school or your first summer reading program? Submit a membership profile to me, the 2nd V-P. Check your e-mail for common questions answered.

**September** - Award reminders [Empire State Award](#) and the [Pied Piper Award](#) are quickly approaching. Do you know of a NYS Author/illustrator who has made a considerable and renown contribution to youth literature? Submit their names to Board. If you piloted a new service at your library and believe it was cost effective and easily reproducible, submit it for a chance to win money and bragging rights.

**October** - Check your e-mail for news and helpful resources as the NYLA Conference approaches. Congratulations to the YSS EALA class of 2020. They begin their first session this month.

**November** - Pack your bags and get ready to attend the 2020 NYLA Conference. We hope you attend the [Ann Gibson Scholarship](#) reception for some networking fun.
December - Reflect on the year and what you have accomplished professionally. If you have not done so already, submit your Pied Piper entry.

There will be more opportunities to seek, and memories to be made in 2020.

Have a great year!
Chinasa Seyse
2nd V-P Membership

Pied Piper Award


It’s Time to Be Appreciated for Your Brilliant Ideas!

The Pied Piper Award recognizes excellence in the creation of an individual program that promotes service to the young people of New York State Libraries and that is replicable at other libraries. Submissions are judged on originality, program implementation, program content, and marketing. The winner will receive a $200.00 gift card from Barnes & Noble and have the award presented at the annual YSS Spring Conference.

Please review the criteria for submission and send all required information, including the submission form below, to:

Lyla Grills
Young Adult Librarian
Penfield Public Library
1985 Baird Road
Penfield, NY 14526
585-340-8720
Lyla.Grills@libraryweb.org

Entries must be received by January 15, 2020 for programs produced between December 1, 2018 and November 30, 2019.

Please visit the YSS Pied Piper Award page for more information and to access the Pied Piper Submission Form.
NYLA Fall Conference Review

YSS activities in Saratoga Springs kicked off on Wednesday afternoon with Joyce Laiosa’s pre-conference CE session, *Today’s Comic/Graphic Novels and Graphic Non-fiction*. In the evening, many members gathered for the Ann Gibson Scholarship Reception, held every year as a fund-raiser for future scholarships.

On Thursday, author George O’Connor, presented to a full room at the YSS Membership Meeting. The rest of the conference schedule consisted of workshop session topics, including those sponsored by YSS:

- **Behavior Management in Early Literacy Programs**, presented by Catherine Brenner from the Bethlehem Public Library
- **Yoga & Books & Kids, Oh my!** presented by Leslie Boedicker from Parma Public Library
- **EcoLiteracy: Fostering Librarian & Environmental Educator Collaborations**, presented by Frederick Stoss from SUNY University at Buffalo
- **Summer Reading The True Impact**, a study on summer slide was presented by Dr. Ken Robin of The Albany Promise and Lisa Neuman and Scott Jarzombek from Albany Public Library

All of these sessions received enthusiastic positive feedback from attendees. In addition to the above workshops, YSS also co-sponsored sessions relevant to youth services. You can find more information on workshop sessions in the Conference Archives.

Table Talks on Saturday included: **Affordable and Unique Programming**, **Creating Successful Tween Programs Together**, **Health Information for Teens**, **Homeschool Science on a Budget!**, **Did You Say Food in the Library?!**, **Summer Reading 2020 Crafts**, and a presentation by the 2019 Pied Piper Award Winner, Krystina Dippel.

Bryan Collier was presented with the Empire State Award for Excellence in Literature for Young People. MLS Student, Samantha Sambrato, was awarded the Ann Gibson Scholarship.

Finally, many YSS members closed out the weekend with Battle Decks and some awesome karaoke performances! Looking forward to seeing you all again next year.

Jessica Bowen
2019 Fall Conference Curator
Congratulations to Bryan Collier
Winner of the NYLA/YSS 2019 Empire State Award

The Youth Services Section was proud to present the 2019 Empire State Award for Literature for Young People (ESA) to renowned illustrator Bryan Collier on November 15, 2019 during the NYLA Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY. This award, presented annually to a living author or illustrator living in New York State, honors a career of excellence in the field of literature for young people, and is one of many received by Mr. Collier, an Ulster County resident: his storied career has seen him win four Caldecott Honors, six Coretta Scott King Illustrator Awards, and three Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honors, the Ezra Jack Keats New Illustrator Award for Uptown, and serve as the United States nominee for the biannual and international Hans Christian Andersen Award.

Over 125 people attended the sold out luncheon, and many guests, who had seen Mr. Collier speak at prior library events, reintroduced themselves to him—and to their delight, he remembered each of them and he charmed the entire room with his pleasant and warm presence. Committee chair Mallory Marinaro presented the award medallion to Mr. Collier, who accepted graciously and spoke movingly about his experience with picture books.

Attendees hung on every word as Mr. Collier described how moved he was the first time he read The Snowy Day, by Ezra Jack Keats, recognizing himself in the illustrations, down to the identical pair of pajamas he and Peter shared, and his love for Harold and the Purple Crayon. Each time he read one of his childhood favorites, he found something new to love, and shared that it wasn’t until recently that he had a revelation: both Harold and Peter were dream walking, creating and imagining over the course of their days. Such is the power of a picture book that images can be so richly studied and interpreted over the course of decades, and that their text and subtext celebrate the idea of creativity and dreaming.

“You can never outgrow a picture book,” he noted, and went on to prove that theory correct as he walked guests through the illustrations he created for Daniel Beaty’s Knock, Knock: My Father’s Dream For Me. Attendees were thrilled by the beautiful artwork and stunned by his explanation of color, texture, and foreshadowing, all of which enhanced a beautiful story and created a singularly emotional work—several people were quietly dabbing their eyes and many of us had goosebumps.
The Youth Services Section is grateful to Mr. Collier for his amazing work and his voice as an advocate for the arts, and we congratulate him on his richly deserved 2019 NYLA/YSS Empire State Award for Excellence in Literature for Young People.

A special thanks also goes to Macmillan Publishing, for the generous donation of books used as raffle prizes at the luncheon.

Mallory Marinaro
2019 Empire State Award Chairperson

Marketing Committee Report

Don’t be shy! The Marketing Committee would love to share your program successes with other Youth Services members on our social media! Send content to Marketing Chair, Lindsay, at jankovitzl@gmail.com. As you begin to start planning for Summer Reading, this is a great way to brainstorm with your peers from around the state and to see what others have been up to!

New to designing flyers? The Marketing Committee has got you covered! We have two templates you can use to make your own flyers for your programs. Email Lindsay at jankovitzl@gmail.com to gain access to these files!

Don’t miss out on important announcements, updates for this Spring’s YSS Conference, daily tips, ideas, resources, and articles all related to Youth Services. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest!
Support NYLA Advocacy Day

Mark your calendars: **February 25** is **NYLA Advocacy Day** in Albany! Join people from across the State working or volunteering in all levels of library service to carry the library message to legislators. As usual, this year we have a budgetary ask and a legislation ask.

**Budgetary ask:**
NYS Library Operating Aid: $200M
Library Construction Aid: $75M

**Legislation ask:**
EQUAL ACCESS TO SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS
A.2444 Solages / S.2421 Kaplan

This bill requires all school districts to maintain a school library in each elementary and secondary school and to employ a certified school library media specialist for each such school library.

The school librarian bill is one that we all should be keenly interested in and support to the fullest. We know that library service to children happens in an ecosystem made up of school and public libraries. Kids benefit when each partner is strong. The joint YSS and SSL (Section of School Librarians) Youth Advocacy Committee is working to support this bill. Stay tuned for ways you can help!

If you have never been to Advocacy Day, you’re especially encouraged to seize this learning experience. Many participants simply lend their presence at meetings, and speak only at the rally in unison with hundreds of others. It’s valuable to understand more about how government, advocacy, and our professional association work. Hope to see you there!

Mary Fellows
Legislative Committee Liaison

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*Guilderland Public Library* participating in Library Advocacy Day 2019
YSS Continuing Education

Engaging Families with Nature Based Library Programming

Tuesday - January 28 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Learn about ways to engage children and their families in nature based library programs as we discuss programs and partnerships that get library patrons outside of traditional library based programs and into the community. Discover how programs like snowshoeing owl prowls and frog watches connect families with nature and how these programs are collaborations with outside organizations. Also learn how to get your library patrons to enjoy the great outdoors with lending items like bird watching backpacks, family outdoor game lending libraries and more. **REGISTER**

Presenters: Jen Ogrodowski - Head of Youth Services - Saratoga Springs Public Library
Carol Anne Geary - Youth/Teen Services Librarian - Saratoga Springs Public Library

Topics in Onboarding for Youth Services Librarians

Tuesday, May 19 - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

This webinar will provide information on how libraries can benefit from having clear, institutional documentation for youth services librarian starting their new positions. Areas that will be discussed include assessing current onboarding procedures and creating new or updating existing documentation in regards to sharing information of human resources, collection development and programming to preserve institutional knowledge and practices. **REGISTER**

Presenter: Stephanie Anderson – Head of Collection Management Services – Albany Public Library

Webinars are free to member of the YSS section of NYLA and at a small fee for non-members, further information can be found at [nyla.org/calendar](http://nyla.org/calendar)

Carol Geary
2019 YSS Continuing Education Liaison
**Take Your Child to the Library Day**

Celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day on February 1!

Take Your Child to the Library Day (TYCttLD) occurs every year on the 1st Saturday in February. In 2020, that’s February 1st! TYCttLD began in 2012 in Connecticut, and, by 2013, the idea became nation-wide. Any library – no matter their size, location, or population – can participate in this event that celebrates the importance of bringing children into the library and provides libraries with a great opportunity to serve their communities.

There are so many ways to celebrate TYCttLD. It doesn’t require any special funding or staffing. You can use your space and time however you want: host a special event or performance, highlight a program you already run, play games, do crafts, have a special family storytime, eat some yummy food, have a giveaway, and so much more! Find some specific ideas, more information, and downloadable graphics on the TYCttLD page: [https://www.nyla.org/take-your-child-to-the-library-day/](https://www.nyla.org/take-your-child-to-the-library-day/)

TYCttLD is also a good opportunity to highlight the importance of early literacy to all families and within your community. The New York State Library is passionate about giving children plenty of reading resources in addition to the wide array of books and other resources already available at local public libraries. One of those resources is the DayByDayNY Family Literacy calendar (available in English AND Spanish), home of One More Story, which features an audio version of a new children’s book and related activities every day. Parents or caregivers can read the daily book together with their child, or listen to the book being read aloud. Check out the Family Literacy calendar and One More Story here [http://daybydayny.org/one-more-story/](http://daybydayny.org/one-more-story/), and start planning your TYCttLD events today!

Sharon Phillips  
NYS Library Liaison

**Yak Tracks!**

Yancy had an amazing time at the NYLA Conference this year! They went to many interesting workshop sessions and learned about summer reading, creating diverse collections, and planning exciting and innovative programs.

Yancy took part in the YSS Membership Meeting and heard cartoonist George O’Connor speak about his creative process. One of the biggest takeaways was don’t erase your mistakes; instead, use them to learn and improve.

Yancy also had the opportunity to attend the Empire State Award Author Luncheon. The attendees listened attentively while illustrator, Bryan Collier spoke about his craft. He movingly narrated the story of Daniel Beaty’s Knock, Knock: My Father’s Dream For Me. The book was illustrated by Collier and published in 2013.

Yancy is excited about the holidays and looking forward to seeing everyone at the YSS Spring Conference in Clayton this year in the beautiful Thousand Islands!
SAVE THE DATE

2020 YSS CONFERENCE
STONE SOUP: STRONGER LIBRARIES THROUGH INCLUSION AND COLLABORATION

05.15.20 | CLAYTON, NY
Save the Date for the YSS Past Presidents’ Dinner!

We hope you will join us on Thursday, May 14, 2020 when we celebrate the contributions of past YSS Presidents and network with other youth services professionals. Stay tuned for more information on YSS Social Media and newsletters in 2020!

YSS Spring Conference

It’s never too early to start planning ahead for the YSS Spring Conference, May 15, 2020, especially when it comes to this year’s service project.

I’m happy to announce that the service project for 2020 will benefit our local chapter of Project Linus, a non-profit organization that provides handmade blankets to children and teens who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need of security, warmth, and comfort. If you knit, quilt, crochet, or can tie a polar fleece, start planning your blanket today!

The blankets must be smoke-free, perfume-free, new, handmade, and washable. They should be made from cotton, flannel, polar fleece, or acrylic yarn. Fabrics should be “kid friendly” and appropriate for the size of the quilt.

Suggested size guidelines for blankets are:
- Infant = 36” x 36”
- Toddler = 36” x 40”
- Grade school = 45” x 50”
- Teen = 45” x 60”, 50” x 60” and larger

**Not crafty? No worries - bring a book!** Each book we donate will be tucked into a corresponding blanket.

If you have any questions about the service project, please contact Mary Louise Hunt at blr@ncls.org

For more information about Project Linus, visit: [https://www.projectlinus.org/](https://www.projectlinus.org/)

For those of you traveling into town the day before the conference, be sure to save the evening of May 14 for the Past Presidents dinner. This networking event is a chance to honor our section’s past presidents, learn more about serving on the YSS board, and connect with friends old and new. All are welcome!

And why not make a whole youth services weekend of it by swinging by the Rochester Teen Book Festival on your way home? (Or, hey, swing by even if it’s not on your way home...) The Teen Book Fest is back up and running in 2020 and will be held at the Rochester Institute of Technology on Saturday, May 16. Authors to be announced soon; for more details visit: [https://www.teenbookfest.org/](https://www.teenbookfest.org/)

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See you all in Clayton!

Angela Newman
2020 Spring Conference Director
Exclusive Workshop Preview

**Ellen Oh: Luncheon Speaker**
Ellen Oh is a former adjunct college instructor and lawyer with an insatiable curiosity for ancient Asian history. She loves martial arts films, K-pop, K-dramas, and cooking shows, and is a rabid fan of the Last Airbender and the Legend of Korra series. Ellen is the co-founder of [We Need Diverse Books](http://www.wndb.org) (WNDB), a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing diversity in children’s literature. She is the author of the middle grade novel The Spirit Hunters, Book 1, and Book 2, Island of the Monsters, and the YA fantasy trilogy The Prophecy Series. She is the editor of WNDB’s middle grade anthology Flying Lessons and Other Stories, and the YA anthology *A Thousand Beginnings and Endings* out in June 2018. Originally from New York City, Ellen lives in Bethesda, Maryland, with her husband and three children and has yet to satisfy her quest for a decent bagel.

**The Science of Comics: Using Graphic Novels to Enhance STEAM Programming in Your Library**
*Lyndsie Guy and Keturah Cappadonia, Southern Tier Library System*
Generate interest in science and technology with the inclusion of STEAM-focused comics in your library programming! By focusing on the art of graphic novels, library users will find STEAM to be both interesting and accessible.

**Sneaky Programming**
*Samantha Morgan, Adams Free Library*
Struggling with program attendance? This interactive workshop will give library staff ideas to create programs that aren’t stuck to a specific day or time. Start planning programs that can be done at the convenience of the patrons.

**Tick, Tick, Tick...The Eleventh Hour of Summer**
*Lorie Brown, Southern Tier Library System*
Summer Learning is all set to start... Everything’s ready... Oh! Need ONE more thing to fill that gap on Tuesday morning? Just been invited to do some programming at the farmer’s market? Discover some eleventh hour activities that won’t take King Midas to fund!

**Books & Badges: Collaborating with the Girl Scouts**
*Suzanne Macaulay, Clifton Springs Library*
Using books and other resources, libraries can help Girl Scouts complete their Journey awards and earn skill builder badges. Scouts working on their Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards can use the library and its staff to help research and prepare their projects. Go beyond the simple library tour!

**Stone Soup Storytime: Tackling Poverty through Outreach**
*Kate Kosior, Clifton Community Library*
Clifton Community Library embarked on an innovative project to tackle poverty in one of our poorest communities through literacy! Our storytime allowed children to read, do crafts, and take home poverty relief items - and it allowed the library to grow partnerships that continue today.
**Baby and Me at the Library**  
*Brigid Hubberman, Children’s Reading Connection*  
Learn how the library can welcome, celebrate, and support families with new babies, helping them to develop an early and lifelong love of libraries. Gain knowledge in positioning your library as an early literacy leader in the community, through effective partnership building and outreach.

**Thriving in Youth Services**  
*Hope Decker, Pioneer Library System*  
Working in libraries with children and teens in fun, and sometimes it is stressful. In this session, we will explore practical ways to avoid (or recover from) burnout and find a place of sustainable flourishing.

**HS to College Transition: A Collaborative Effort**  
*Christi Sommerfeldt, Northern New York Library Network*  
The transition to college is challenging. Join our discussion to learn about the difficulties faced by first-year college students and means to proactively support the transition.

**The Great Give Back**  
*Derek Ivie, Suffolk Cooperative Library System*  
The mission of this initiative is to provide a day of opportunities for the patrons of the public libraries of New York State to participate in meaningful, service-oriented experiences. Come learn about how it began, how to participate, and different ways to fit it into your library!

**Inspiring Sensory Play; Babies and Toddlers**  
*Jennifer Preisser, Greece Public Library*  
Engage your littlest patrons with a program that incorporates the early literacy skill of play. This program will provide participants with instructions on how to implement a sensory program on any budget.

**Picture Book Genrefication: Public and School Perspectives**  
*Amy K. Smith, Red Hook Public Library*  
*Jenna Thorn, Netherwood Elementary School*  
*Meghan Harney, Lowville Free Library*  
*Amanda Schiavulli, Onondaga County Public Library*  
Making the shift from traditional cataloging to categories based on the unique needs and interests of our libraries’ patrons allows us to serve them better. In this panel discussion, public and school librarians share their experiences implementing a reader-centric organizational schema that will encourage browsing and interest-led reading habits.

**Good Neighbors: Partnering with your Local PBS Station**  
*WPBS-DT, Watertown*  
Let’s make the most of this beautiful day... by learning more about your friendly neighborhood PBS station! In this session, we’ll talk about what makes PBS an ideal partner for libraries, and how to work together to encourage lifelong learning.
YSS Spring Conference Scholarships

The purpose of Spring Conference Scholarships is to encourage continuing education in the field of library youth services by participating in the annual YSS Spring Conference. Two awards are given annually. The first is the New Member Spring Conference Scholarship. It is given to a new member of our profession. The second is the Lisa C. Wemett Spring Conference Scholarship. It is given to a highly motivated established librarian who has had a significant impact on youth and youth services in their community.

Each of the scholarships is designed to cover registration fees and up to $250 reimbursement for hotel charges, meals, and transportation costs for attending the Youth Services Section’s Spring Conference. The candidates need to show strong commitment to the field of youth service librarianship or other related careers.

An applicant must be a member of NYLA/YSS. They may not be an employee or relative of an employee of the New York Library Association; an officer or relative of an officer of the NYLA Council; or an officer or relative of an officer on the Executive Board of the Youth Services Section of NYLA. Financial need will not be a criterion for the award.

**Requirements:**

**For the New Member Spring Conference Scholarship:**
The applicant must be a current regular or student member of NYLA/YSS. The applicant may be a graduate library student (full- or part-time) who is matriculated at their institution, a practicing librarian or paraprofessional employed in New York State, or involved in a related youth services field (e.g. storytelling, an illustrator, etc.) for less than 10 years.

**For the Lisa C. Wemett Spring Conference Scholarship:**
The applicant must be a current regular member of NYLA/YSS. In addition, the applicant must have at least 10 years of post-graduate experience working in libraries and is currently working in the area of youth services in a public or school library in New York. They must be able to demonstrate that they has had a significant impact on youth and youth services in their community.

For each of the scholarships, the applicant needs to file the following with the YSS scholarship committee chair:

- A fully completed [application](mailto:), which is available for downloading or in hard copy.
- Two letters of recommendation, which indicate the applicant’s interest in youth services. Evidence of current membership in NYLA/YSS.

**Please note:** Applications received after the posted deadline will not be honored. The YSS Scholarship Committee will review all eligible applications, and notify applicants of the final results in writing.

**SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE for the 2020 YSS Spring Conference: February 1, 2020**

Address to submit application:

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