A Message From the President

I’m such a nerd, I love by-laws! PTA by-laws, library by-laws, Union by-laws, Rowing Club by-laws, YSS by-laws, does my kids robotics team have by-laws? I’d love to see those! Give me some by-laws, day or night and I’ll comb over them to see what loopholes, errors and organizational quirks govern the groups that I’m involved with. This ‘article’ isn’t my usual humorous missive. I’ve been working on this since early August but was distracted by that thing we do—Summer Reading. Nevertheless, I thought it was important to let you all know about some of the things our Executive Board, committee members, and board liaisons work on including our proposed by-law changes.

I’ve been a member of YSS since 2005 and on the executive board since 2016. I’ve looked at our by-laws quite a few times in the past four years and each time I learn something new. Today (Aug. 8), I learned that the YSS Executive Board should review the sections goals and objectives on an annual basis (shouldn’t we all look at our goals once in a while?). So members, I’m happy to say we actually did just that at our recent Summer Board Meeting! Our sections goals and objectives can be found in our five-year plan. Many thanks to past presidents Mary-Jo Smith, Cristina Ryan-Linder and Laura Panter for their hard work on updating our by-laws and finishing our five year plan. It was great to go over the plan and see that we have been working on moving our section forward.

We have three main goals and each goal has either two or three objectives. I’m going to give you a little rundown on what we’ve been doing to bring our section closer to accomplishing our goals. Our first goal is to “foster diversity and inclusion in our membership and services.” We are moving forward on this goal by identifying our under represented populations; BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) are underrepresented in our section and profession. To foster inclusion and diversity as a section we are offering more diverse programming at conferences and in our webinars. We are using our social media channels Twitter @YSSNYLA, Facebook @yssnyla and Pinterest
https://www.pinterest.com/nylayss/ to promote diverse authors and conversations around these topics. YSS Board members are using every opportunity to promote YSS in their communities and among their fellow library workers. Lastly, we work on this goal by moving our conference all around the state, to allow as many members as possible to attend a wonderful day of professional development. If you’d like to bring future YSS Spring Conferences to your town please email me.

Our second goal is for “YSS to be a champion of library services for families, children and teens.” The objectives of this goal are to promote awareness of the value of library services to these groups and expand YSS involvement with NYLA legislative initiatives. We are working toward this goal by promoting national library and educational initiatives; e.g Talking is Teaching, We Need Diverse Books, Girls Who Code, FIRST etc. and encouraging members to participate in these programs. We are increasing YSS involvement with NYLA legislative initiatives by following through on the recommendations of the YSS/SSL joint legislative task force to form a joint committee between our two sections to advance the legislatives issues that both sections members care about.

Our third goal, and possibly the toughest one, is “YSS will actively develop a new generation of youth services leaders.” We are working on the three objectives of this goal: excellent educational opportunities, maintain contact with educational programs, and provide multiple communication pathways for members through our marketing committee’s work and our 2nd VP’s communications. To provide excellent continuing education opportunities by establishing the YSS Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership Academy, a 24 CE credit course that will help youth services professionals develop their leadership skills over the span of seven months. We also offer several webinars on various topics of interest to youth services professionals every year that are free to members. Lastly, the board is also creating a liaison position that will help us maintain closer connections with library schools in New York State.

And that my friends is the long laundry list of things that the volunteers of your section are up to. If you’d like to be more involved or want to know more about the section please reach out. If you’re fortunate enough to be coming to the NYLA Annual Conference in Saratoga please join the board at our Annual Ann Gibson Scholarship Reception at Jacob and Anthony’s on Wednesday night!

Happy Apple Cider/Pumpkin Spice Season,
Lisa Neuman
YSS President

Apple cider is better than anything pumpkin spice.
CHANGE MY MIND

PUMPKIN SPICE
PUMPKIN SPICE EVERYWHERE
Proposed By-Law Amendments
The board approved three by-laws changes at our last meeting for the membership to vote on at our YSS Membership Meeting on Thursday, November 14 at 1:45 pm followed by presentation by author George O’Connor.

Article IV OFFICERS
Currently
Section 2. Three Directors, to be members of the Executive Board, shall be elected by the membership for three year terms, one to be elected each year.

Proposed Change
Section 2. Two Spring Conference Directors, to be members of the Executive Board, shall be elected by the membership for two year terms, one to be elected each year.

Article V THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
Currently
Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Section, the immediate Past President and three Directors

Proposed Change
Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Section, the immediate Past President and two Spring Conference Directors.

Article XI AMENDMENTS
Currently
Section 1. These by-laws may be amended, after approval by a majority of the members of the Executive Board, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at the annual business meeting or, in the absence of an annual meeting, by a two-thirds vote of those members, provided that notice of the amendment be published in the official organ of the Section at least three weeks before the dates set for the final action.

Proposed Change
the "official organ" of the Section shall be changed to the "official paper of record."

Welcome Our New YSS Board Members!
Congratulations to our incoming board members 1st Vice President/President-Elect Jennifer Burke and Secretary Rosemary Kiladitis!
Pied Piper Award Submissions 2020

Summer is over, and now it’s time for the fall frenzy of program planning! Take a look at the programs your colleagues have done in the past. Maybe you’ll find one that YOU can easily and cheaply replicate at your library, and save yourself some time and trouble! Go to our website and click on the current and past YSS Pied Piper Award Winners. While you’re there, why not check out the requirements for the Award, and submit one of your own best practices? You could win a $200 gift card to Barnes & Noble. (And, get a snazzy award certificate to brag about!) Submissions for the 2020 Pied Piper Award are due on December 1, 2019 for programs produced between December 1, 2018 and November 30, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann-Marie Helldorfer, Pied Piper Award Committee Chair
Jessica Gordon, 3rd Year
Lyla Grills, 1st Year

Marketing Committee

Share your Summer Reading Success Stories with us!
The Marketing Committee would love to hear and share what you did at your Library for this year’s Summer Reading program!

Send your content to Lindsay, Marketing Chair, at jankovitzl@gmail.com, to be featured on our social media pages. This is a great way to showcase all your hard work and to see what your peers planned around New York State!

Are you new to your position or need guidance creating program flyers? The Marketing Committee has created two flyer templates in Microsoft Word and Canva that can help you get started. Flyer templates can be accessed by emailing jankovitzl@gmail.com.

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

REGISTER TODAY!!
YSS is proud to present a second year of the Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership Academy. Registration for next year’s 2019-2020 workshop series is open! **Deadline to register is September 30, 2019.**

This eight month professional development series begins October 2019 and includes nine workshops and webinars with the final session to be held at next year’s May 2019 YSS Spring Conference near Clayton, NY. Attendees who complete the academy will receive 24 hours of CE credit for their involvement.

Course subjects include:
- Leadership
- The Community Experience
- Marketing Your Library
- Communication & Presentation Skills
- Partnerships/Collaborations/ Relationships
- Human Resources/Interviewing/ Management
- Practical Planning & Design for Children’s & Teen Spaces
- Career Advancement/Mentoring Others/Team Building
- Budget Planning & Financial Management

Attendees will come away with advocacy, leadership, financial management, and career advancement skills along with the opportunity to network with leaders in the field. Visit the [Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership Academy page](#) of the NYLA website today for more information.

![Congratulations to the YSS Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership Academy graduating class of 2019!](image)
YSS at NYLA Annual Conference

NYLA’s Annual Fall Conference is coming! Stop by our booth for YSS swag, and visit the conference bookstore for George O’Connor and Bryan Collier titles.

Remember, tickets for the Ann Gibson Scholarship Reception are $15 in advance and $20 at the door. Join us for a dessert reception to support the Ann Gibson Scholarship Fund. We will have raffles, free desserts, and a cash bar Wednesday, November 13, 8:00 PM – 11:00 PM at Jacob & Anthony's American Grille, 38 High Rock Avenue (just steps from the conference!)

Plan your conference experience! YSS-sponsored programs are scheduled across the three days so you have time to make the most of your conference experience. Hear the keynote speaker, visit the trade show, attend special events, and more. Room monitors are still needed! If you’d like to help out, please contact Amy Relyea.

Schedule of YSS Featured Events

**Wednesday, 11/13, 1:30 – 4 pm**
Pre-Conference CE Workshop
*Todays Comic/Graphic Novels and Graphic Nonfiction – Programs, Book Groups, and Lesson Plans, Oh My!* Presented by Joyce Laiosa (not included in conference, separate registration required)

**Thursday, 11/14, 1:45 pm – 3 pm**
YSS Membership Meeting featuring author, George O’Connor

**Thursday, 11/14, 4 pm – 5:15 pm**
*Behavior Management in Early Literacy Programs* Presented by Catherine Brenner

**Friday, 11/15, 8:30 am – 9:45 am**
*Yoga & Books & Kids, Oh my!* Presented by Leslie Boedicker
Friday, 11/15, 12:30 – 2 pm
YSS Empire State Awards Luncheon
(Tickets are $39 per person) YSS presents the 2019 Empire State Award for Excellence in Literature for Young People to Bryan Collier

Friday, 11/15, 3:45 pm – 5 pm
Summer Reading The True Impact Presented by Lisa Neuman, Scott Jarzombek, and Dr. Ken Robin

Saturday, 11/16, 9:30 am – 10:45 am YSS Table Talks Topics include: Affordable and Unique Programming for ages 2 – 12, Creating Successful Tween Programs Together, A(ddiction) to Z(its) Health Information for Teens, Homeschool Science on a Budget!, Did you say Food in the Library?!!, Pied Piper Award Winner, and SRP 2020 Crafts.
YSS Spring Conference 2020

The 2020 Spring Conference will be held on May 15 at the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel in Clayton. Clayton is a small village located on the St. Lawrence River in the beautiful Thousand Islands region of Northern New York.

After hearing from our keynote speaker Ellen Oh of We Need Diverse Books, conference attendees will head to breakout sessions held at the nearby Hawn Memorial Library, the Clayton Opera House, and the Antique Boat Museum. (Shuttle service will be available for those in need.)

We’ve got a great line-up planned for 2020, with session topics ranging from library service to families with babies to helping high school students navigate the transition to college. We’re also working on a brand new conference activity that will give attendees the opportunity to take a deeper dive into what their fellow youth service librarians are doing across the state.

More details and registration information coming soon, but until then, save the date!
Ann Gibson Award Winner
Samantha Sambrato is the 2019 Ann Gibson Scholarship winner. Samantha has a lot of experience working with youth of all ages. She has a passion for serving youth, specifically those under served. Samantha is currently working with youth in the library and halfway done with her MLIS at CUNY Queens College.

Yak Tracks
Yancey was a big help with shelving and morale this summer when the Onondaga County Public Library System (OCPL) was hacked by Ransomware! Here’s an idea of what we were dealing with on the back end with piles and cartloads of books that couldn’t be checked in for 3 weeks. Check out our video documenting the full scope on the CLD&J’s Facebook page.

New books on our delivery carts behind the Information Desk.

New books and media on our holds shelves.

A look at our upstairs office space. We also had items in storage and in our meeting rooms.

Thanks Yancey!
Summer Reading 2020: Imagine Your Story!

As youth librarians, we know that there’s never a break from programming!

We all did a fantastic job this summer bringing our members the best we had to offer for “A Universe of Stories.” However, as we move into fall it’s time to look ahead because, The Collaborative Summer Reading Program (CSLP) just shared the images and theme for 2020 “Imagine Your Story!” I know when I hear that theme some ideas come to mind, especially coupled with LeUyen Pham’s incredible artwork.

In addition to our awesome CSLP theme we’ll have the Summer Olympics kicking off in Tokyo, Japan with the opening events scheduled for July 24th. This paves the way to throw some awesome Library Olympics events!

I’m a teen librarian, so for my middle and high school students I’m envisioning creative writing programs, art workshops, a focus on diverse and cultural books, and some role-playing gaming sessions.

What types of events are you brainstorming? What performers and community partners would you contact for “Imagine Your Story”? Share them with us on Facebook or by email!

Sneak Peek of CSLP 2020 Logos and Posters