

## Awards + Scholarships

### 3 Apples Book Award

These three awards have been developed to encourage the joy of reading for pleasure and to give the children and teens in New York State the opportunity to participate in honoring their favorite books. It is co-sponsored by the Youth Services and School Library Media Sections of the New York Library Association, which together represent the public and school libraries of the state.

### Empire State Award

This award is presented to a New York State author to honor a body of work which represents excellence in children's and young adult literature for young people.

### Pied Piper Award

This award recognizes excellence in the creation of an individual program that promotes service to the young people of New York State Libraries and is able to be replicated at other libraries. Submissions are judged on originality, program implementation, program content, and marketing of said program.

### Ann Gibson Scholarship

This award is given annually to honor the memory of Ann Gibson, a dynamic, dedicated librarian, storyteller and teacher, in recognition of her many contributions to the field of youth services librarianship.

### Spring Conference Scholarships

These two scholarships are awarded to encourage continuing education in the field of library youth services by participating in the annual YSS Spring Conference. In addition to having the full registration fee of the conference paid, each recipient will receive a reimbursement for hotel charges, meals, and transportation costs in an amount up to \$250.

## YSS Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership Academy

This seven month professional development course will begin in October 2018 and includes seven workshops and webinars with the final session to be held at next year's YSS conference. Visit the YSS website and click on the YSS EALA button for full details.

The Stephanie Squicciarini Memorial Scholarship will provide financial support to one EALA participant. For more information on how to apply, please visit the EALA website (referenced above).

## Your Support is an Investment in the Future of all NY Libraries

NYLA leads, educates, and advocates for the advancement of the New York library community.

NYLA is vital to preserving great library services, and so is your membership. Help us strengthen all forms of libraries and librarianship by joining NYLA and the Youth Services Section. Your support is an investment in our collective future.

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## Why YSS?

YSS is the Youth Services Section of the New York Library Association. We are the librarians, library assistants, retirees, students, trustees, and volunteers who are dedicated to the literacy, information, reading, and recreation needs of youth in public and school libraries.

### CONNECTIONS AND NETWORKING

Meet with others who do what you do. Gather organizational initiatives, programming ideas and collection development resources from peers to utilize in your library and help you do your job better.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In a time when library systems and school support organizations are severely cutting back services to their members, it is vital to join existing groups of like individuals to continue to learn, grow, and to help stay prepared for what lies ahead.

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIBRARIES

Advocacy and awareness begins internally. Learning to speak about and advocate for libraries is an essential part of organizational sustainability. NYLA and YSS provide tools to help ensure that our libraries will thrive in the future.

### STAYING CURRENT

Staying ahead of the curve and keeping up with new technologies and trends is imperative. NYLA, YSS and its affiliates offer workshops, listservs and publications to help keep today's librarian and youth service provider relevant and in the know.

### PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Becoming involved is a necessary step on the part of the individual to help keep current, enhance professional development and further career goals. An easy way to begin is by joining a professional library association, such as YSS and NYLA.

## NYLA Membership Investment

Visit [www.nyla.org](http://www.nyla.org) to file an application online.

Contact [membership@nyla.org](mailto:membership@nyla.org) with any questions.

**First-Time Member:** \$25

**Regular/Renewing Member:**

Income	Dues
Up to \$19,999	\$35
\$20,000–\$29,999	\$60
\$30,000–\$39,999	\$80
\$40,000–\$49,999	\$100
\$50,000–\$99,999	\$125
\$100,000+	\$150

**Trustee/Friend:** \$30

**Retired/Unemployed:** \$30

**Library Assistant/Support Staff:** \$25

**Student:** \$15

## To Join YSS

One section is included in your NYLA membership — make sure to select YSS. You can add additional sections for \$10 each.

Organizational memberships are also available. Visit [www.nyla.org](http://www.nyla.org) and click on the "Membership" tab for more info.

## Conferences & Events

### YSS SPRING CONFERENCE

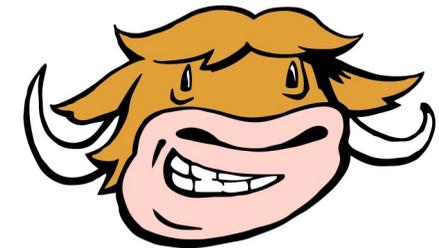
Every spring YSS hosts its annual Spring Conference. Each year authors, presenters, and speakers are chosen because of their excellence in children's services and/or literature. Brought together, they impart their knowledge to youth providers and advocates from all over New York State. A wide range of workshops are also available on the latest trends in youth services spanning all age groups.

### NYLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

YSS is responsible for hosting some of NYLA's highlight events during the Annual Conference. Workshops and roundtables are offered with some of the best presenters sharing their knowledge of what they do best. The Empire State Award Luncheon honoring the author selected that year is also held during the NYLA Conference.

### WEBINARS

NYLA is pleased to offer affordable and convenient online professional development via webinars. NYLA e-Institute webinars are delivered via the popular GoToMeeting platform, and are typically one hour in duration. NYLA members receive a discount on registering for these programs.



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