Sigh! Summer is over and it’s transition time in the Children’s and Teen departments of the public libraries across the state. I hope all of you had a SUPER summer!

I’ve always loved September. It’s my favorite month of the year. Firstly, my birthday is in September, so of course that makes the month special (although this year I’ll be celebrating one of those milestone years which may not be quite so special - hello Medicare!) I’ve never been one who enjoys hot weather, so I’m always much happier when the temperatures hover in the 70’s during the day and then drop down at night so I can sleep with the windows wide open. September meant it was time to go back to school, and I was always ok with that. Summer vacation was fun, but by the end of August I was eager to see my friends again. And September was always a time to go shopping for new clothes. Gold, green and rust are colors that I’ve always been drawn to and the stores would be filled with things in those colors. It’s definitely a month of transition.

As a children’s librarian, September has also become the time when the mad pace of summer programming is over and I can finally stop to take a breath. While all the families who’ve been coming into the library all summer long are now busy finding out who their teachers are going to be and shopping for all that stuff on their school lists, I can take time to reflect on what worked this summer, what didn’t and what I’d like to change for next year (yes, I’m already thinking about programs for the summer of 2016 – crazy, huh!). Each year I feel like I’ve been given a challenge when the summer theme is announced: how can I use this theme to connect kids, books, and the library? What programs can I create or tweak to be exciting and different? I loved the possibilities that this year’s theme offered with what costume I could wear for my classroom visits, how I could decorate the library, and of course the programs that the library could offer. It certainly wasn’t hard to sell superheroes during my school visits in June. The kids were excited about the programs and were ready to be Super Readers at the library. And now that it’s over, I’m feeling good because what I thought would be exciting and fun for the children and their families of my community was appreciated by them. How do I know? They told me. I even got a little teary at our closing party when a couple of the kids came up and hugged me because they’re “graduating” to the teen programs next year.

So take a little time to savor your successes from the summer. Then take a deep breath and jump full on into your fall schedule. I hope you’re all planning to be in Lake Placid for the NYLA Conference Oct. 21-24. Our Conference Planner, Chrissie Morrison, has planned some great programs for you (plus she’s doing a preconference session on using teen volunteers – if you’re exhausted from this summer, you’ll get some awesome ideas for how to lighten your load by sharing the fun – check it out!)

By the time this article appears, I’ll be all the way on the other side of the country. I’m finally getting MY summer vacation and we’re doing a cross-country road trip. Wonder what ideas I’ll pick up from the libraries I’ll no doubt be visiting along the way?

Mary Ferris
Incoming YSS Board Members

The calendar year for YSS Board positions runs from NYLA Annual Conference to NYLA Annual Conference. At the 2015 NYLA Annual Conference, we will transition to our incoming (2015-2016) YSS Board.

**Past President:** Mary Ferris, Wood Library  
**President:** Mary Jo Smith, Gates Public Library  
**1st Vice President:** Christina Ryan-Linder, Finkelstein Memorial Library  
**2nd Vice President:** Lisa Neuman, Albany Public Library  
**3rd Year Director:** Liz Liddington, Waterford Public Library  
**2nd Year Director:** Amanda Schiavulli, Finger Lakes Library System  
**1st Year Director:** Jennifer Burke, Dewitt Community Library  
**Conference Planning Chair:** Rebecca Darling, Town of Ballston Community Library  
**Secretary:** Gail Brown, Voorheesville Public Library  
**Treasurer:** Patricia Connor, Rochester Public Library  
**Web Liaison:** Cathy Brenner, Bethlehem Public Library

Congratulations to our newly elected Board Members:

1st Vice President/(President-Elect)  
Christina Ryan-Linder

2nd Vice President/(Membership)  
Lisa Neuman

Treasurer  
Patricia Connors

1st Year Director/(Membership)  
Jennifer Burke

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**Save the Date for the 2016 YSS Spring Conference***:  
**Friday, April 15th** (in Albany, NY)

*The Dinner in Honor of Past Presidents will be the evening before in a nearby restaurant.*
2015 NYLA Annual Conference

**Wednesday, 10/21, from 2pm-5pm**
VolunTeens 101
presented by Chrissie Morrison, YSS Past President

This CE will cover both formal and informal VolunTeen (VT) programs. The formal program includes standardized training, standardized online shift calendar, an online shift tracker, and procedures for finding substitutes. The informal program covers typical tasks that only require on-the-job training and allow for flexible scheduling – perfect for school libraries. Even if you’ve never had a VT program at your library, you’ll leave with the knowledge and templates necessary to start a program of your own. You will learn several methods to recruit VolunTeens, the most effective way to train large groups of VTs, how to best track and motivate participation, how to successfully manage VTs without losing your mind, and how to retain VTs from year to year.

**Thursday, 10/22**

**Outreach to Schools & Community Groups**
presented by Cathy Brenner, Bethlehem Public Library

**YSS Membership Meeting**
Featuring Jennifer Donnelly
After a quick membership meeting, Jennifer Donnelly will present the story-behind-the-story of her latest novel, THESE SHALLOW GRAVES, a YA murder-mystery set in Gilded Age Manhattan. (Reading, Q&A, & signing to follow.)

**Ann Gibson Scholarship FUNraiser***
Thursday, October 22nd, 5:30-7pm

Peg Glisson and Sharon Salluzzo (pictured left) are members of the Genesee Storytellers in Rochester, NY, a professional Storytelling troupe, one of whose founding members was Ann Gibson.

*$10 recommended donation per person. (Donations to be collected at the door.) Proceeds benefit YSS Ann Gibson Scholarship.

Friday, 10/23

**Granting Wishes**
presented by Tor Loney, Albany Public Library
Elissa Valente, William K. Sanford Public Library
Lauren Kushnick, NY Council for the Humanities

**Lies My Librarian Refused to Tell Me**
presented by Kyle Lukoff, Corlears School

**Empire State Award Luncheon**
Honoring 2015 Winner Vivian Vande Velde
Friday, October 23, from 12:30-2pm*

*Ticket required.

Sorry! This event is already all sold out. (Visit the NMES Booth at the conference if you want to sign up for the ticket exchange list.) Purchase VVV books at the NYLA store!

Saturday, 10/24

**Minecraft Literacy for Parents & Grandparents**
presented by Cathy Henderson, Greece Public Library

**YSS Table Talks:**
"Chocolate Tournament" (for 2016 SRP)
Small Library Maker Spaces
Common Core and Graphic Novels
"1st Saturday for Families"
Multicultural Kids Programs
Book Clubs for Struggling Readers
21st Century Teen Spaces
Community Wide Fairy Tale Festivals
“Exercise Your Brain” shirts* will be available at the YSS Booth in the following sizes:

**Youth [**$10.00**]**
- Small
- Medium
- Large
- X-Large

**Adult [**$15.00**]**
- Small
- Medium
- Large
- X-Large
- XX-Large

*designed by Jay Morrison (Chrissie’s husband!)

Thought you missed your chance to purchase a Super Librarian t-shirt or a pack of Super Author notecards?! We’ve still got some, but supplies are low and they’ll go fast. Make YSS first on your list of booths to visit on the trade show floor!

If you’re SO over the Super Hero thing, you can get a jump on the 2016 SRP theme – “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!”
Recently a colleague who has visited many libraries of all sizes was discussing his observations. There was a clear difference in quality among the libraries, he said, and it didn’t correlate with size. The difference he observed was between libraries where the director “got” that being a political strategist was part of the job, and libraries where the director did not see – or did not acknowledge – that requirement.

This isn’t just true for directors, in my experience. The most active, effective, and excellently staffed youth services programs I’ve known have been led by people who understand that there are lines, where they are, and how to carefully – or sometimes, boldly – cross them when potential benefit outweighs potential loss.

But how do we learn these strategic skills? How do we develop political skills that will help us prosper in our jobs and careers?

In Ingrid Law’s Savvy, members of the Beaumont family acquire a "savvy" – a special supernatural power – when they turn thirteen. For us non-magical beings, the good news is that it doesn’t matter how old we are, because political savvy isn’t a supernatural power. We can all acquire this savvy if we’re willing to work. Here are some ways you can build your skill:

- **Get involved in professional associations** (YSS, for instance!) and express interest in running for the board. Much of governing is done in groups, so learning how an effective board works is essential.
- **Learn how persuasion and decision-making happens at higher levels.** Attend NYLA’s Advocacy Day (March 2, 2016).
- **Attend meetings of various boards and groups** to observe both functional and dysfunctional decision-making. Observe the relationships among members, and the exercise of power by the chair and others.
- **Volunteer for leadership roles.** Find a mentor who will guide you and a trusted colleague who will give you honest feedback about your growing edges.
- **Know the players.** Learn the power holders in your community, your library, and among decision-making bodies.
- **Seek out opportunities to improve your public speaking.** It’s a skill that will help you in meetings and one-on-one conversations as well as presentations. Toastmasters clubs, public speaking classes, and seizing every opportunity to speak are all will help you improve.
- **Read the news.** Know what’s happening in your local and larger world. Use those trends to back up your persuasive arguments for what kids, your department, your staff, you, or the library need.
- **Think.** Look at things in terms of political impact, along with cost, benefit to users, and the other factors we use to assess opportunities and decisions. Figure out what a power-holder values, and then think about what he or she would gain or lose in what you’re contemplating.

Our world, our profession, our communities and our libraries need people who can think and act with knowledge, thoughtfulness, perspective, and boldness. Be one – develop your savvy.

Mary Fellows
YSS Legislative Liaison
YSS Member Spotlight: Randall Enos

There are so many wonderful children’s and teen librarians practicing across New York State; some that have just embarked on their career while others with such a vast array of experience, their resumes would be too big to fit in your in-box. Randall Enos, the Youth Services Consultant for the Ramapo Catskill Library System, is the later with that quintessential essence innate in the Youth Services Librarian: being forever young at heart. Here, Randy shares how he came to be a librarian and how he continues to be energized and motivated by the work he does.

How long have you been a librarian?
Well, considering I’m in the advanced stages of my career, that’s a little like asking someone their age, but I’m proud of my many years as a librarian, so I’ll fess up – my first job was in 1974 and I’ve been at it ever since. BTW – this is a question we get often at the event Y2-Kids Career Day at Stewart Airport in Newburgh. When a student recently asked this same question I gave the response “1974, you do the math” she immediately responded “40 years” to which I responded, “That can’t be right.” So, that’s why I’m a librarian and not a mathematician.

What was your career path when you were younger and why did you become a librarian?
When I got my bachelor’s degree in Anthropology and had no job prospects for anything in my field, the one friend who had a “real” job which was a reference librarian in a public library. He was living like a real adult instead of being in post-student limbo like me, so I thought that would be a good occupation to pursue. After library school my first job was with the county library system in Harrisburg, PA. I was hired as part of a grant to set up outreach services to the inner city community. That project which involved driving a 35-foot bookmobile through the narrow streets of Harrisburg eventually morphed into children’s services. After a few years I became the Coordinator of Children’s Services for the system. In 1982, I came to New York State and Ramapo Catskill as the Children’s Services Consultant. At some point young adult services was added to my duties, so I became Youth Services Consultant. BTW, I was born during Children’s Book Week, so I was destined to be a youth librarian.

You served as YSS president (what years) how has that experience shaped the way you practice librarianship today?
According to my resume, I was president in 1989…OMG, was it that long ago?? Being involved in YSS, especially as president, has helped me in my job in so many ways, some of which I’m probably not even aware. The connections I made with the top librarians around the state have been priceless. Practical skills that I honed as YSS president include conducting efficient meetings and communicating effectively which is important, of course, no matter what you do. I was lucky that my term as president was sandwiched in between two stellar YSS presidents; Iris Bartkowski and Lisa Wemett. They were excellent role models and a great help in countless ways during my tenure.

You recently served as Chair of the Newbery Committee. What was that experience like?
Chairing the 2015 Newbery Committee was an incredibly satisfying experience. I was lucky to have a really good committee (all 14 of them!) and it was a great publishing year with a good number of titles that were worthy of the award. It was a lot of work! But the payoff was well worth it.
What has been the largest change in the profession (either good or bad) that you have been most effected by?

Technology has changed the library professional a great deal and the rapidity of the changes is mind-boggling. It seems we have to dance faster and faster to keep ahead of the game. Also our culture has changed dramatically and the professional has reflected that with public libraries offering a larger array of materials on more diverse topics. While funding seems to remain strong for community libraries, funding for systems continues to be cut. At one time New York State set the trend for library systems. It is disheartening to see the systems being dismantled, especially in the services that are offered for youth professionals.

We know it is impossible to pick a favorite Children’s Book, but if you were lost at sea and washed up on a deserted island what book would you take most comfort in as a companion?

Well, duh, is this a trick question? It would be *How to Build a Boat from Nothing* or *Boat Building for Dummies* or maybe, *Robinson Crusoe*. Okay, I guess those would be the most practical. I think I would be most comforted by the books from my childhood. Those that come to mind are: *The Door in the Wall* by Marguerite deAngeli (a present from my oldest brother and sister and the 1950 Newbery Award book); *Winnie-the-Pooh* (a book and record set, so I’d have to have a device with me to play it); *The Iliad and the Odyssey* adapted by Jane Wemer Watson and illustrated by Alice and Martin Provensen, also a present from my siblings. A few years ago I was pleased to have Alice sign my copy at a ceremony in her honor at the Clinton Corners Library in Dutchess County and then to nominate her for the YSS Empire State Award with which she was honored. And finally, *Horton Hears a Who*; and *Mr. Dog* by Margaret Wise Brown (I loved this book so much I stole it from my second grade library. I still have it. Don’t tell anyone.)

What would you say to the new generation of Information Specialists/librarians based on your past years of experience?

I am very bad about looking ahead, so I am probably the least qualified person to give advice. However, now more than ever, I think librarians need to be experts in everything, so explore as diversely as possible. Work very hard and say “yes” to everything and especially say “yes” to YSS and NYLA. Helping out your professional organization is so important for the well-being of our profession and it will help you and your career tenfold, so go for it…..and love what you do – it will love you back.

Interview by Christina Ryan-Linder
2nd VP/Membership

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Want to “say yes to YSS” this fall?

Sign up to volunteer at the YSS Booth!
(email Amanda Schiavulli, 1st Year Director)

Sign up to be a room monitor at the NYLA Conference!
(email Chrissie Morrison, Conference Planning Chair)

Fill out a YSS Active Member Form!
(see the last 2 pages of the newsletter)
YSS Scholarship Recipients

Each year the Youth Services Section (YSS) of the New York Library Association (NYLA) offers three scholarships –

- The New Member Spring Conference Scholarship
- The Lisa C. Wemett Spring Conference Scholarship (for a veteran librarian)
- The Ann Gibson Scholarship

The Spring Conference Scholarships are designed to cover accommodations and transportation costs to attend the YSS Spring Conference. Registration fees are waived for the recipients.

The Ann Gibson Scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance ($1,000) to a person who has chosen to pursue graduate studies that will lead to New York State certification as a youth services specialist in a public library or school library media center. It also includes the NYLA full conference registration fee at the student rate.

The YSS Scholarship Committee proudly announces the three scholarship recipients for this year as follows.

New Member Spring Conference Scholarship Recipient - Joanna Goldfarb

Joanna Goldfarb is currently a youth services librarian at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello, NY. She received her Master of Library Science degree from Queens College in May 2013. Her other library experience includes work as an Adjunct Librarian at Sullivan County Community College, Technology Aide at New York Public Library, and Information Assistant at Queens College Rosenthal Library.

Joanna’s many responsibilities include collection development, programming for kids birth through teen, outreach, running the library social media pages and producing the quarterly newsletter. She has been described as bringing a tsunami of fresh air to the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library with new storytimes in Spanish and Hebrew and a new presence on social media! In a recent presentation at a library system meeting, one of Joanna’s young patrons proclaimed what a cool place the library had become since Joanna had become in charge! Outside the library, she enjoys running, hiking and cooking and her favorite movie is The Princess Bride.

Joanna viewed the YSS Spring Conference as an opportunity to develop and gain great ideas, all while having a fun time – a keen vision she holds for the young patrons who visit her library.

Lisa C. Wemett Spring Conference Scholarship Recipient - Beth Zambito

Beth Zambito is currently the Early Childhood Librarian at the Newburgh Free Library in Newburgh, NY. Previously, she was the Head of Youth & Teen Services and Youth Services Librarian in the Poughkeepsie Public Library District in Poughkeepsie, NY. She also worked as a Cataloging Librarian for Texaco, Inc. in White Plains, NY and Web Content Editor and Cataloging Librarian for Fidelity Investments in Boston, MA. She completed her Master of Science in Library & Information Science Degree at Simmons College in Boston, MA in May 2000.

Throughout her career, Beth has been extremely active professionally, serving in a variety of leadership positions within her local library system as well as the New York Library Association. She is currently a Training Cohort member for Ready to Read at New York Libraries – a state-wide early literacy initiative. She has also made a significant impact on youth services in her community by offering professional development opportunities. In her personal time, Beth is a stage manager in community theaters and loves to sing. She is also experiencing the joys and tribulations of a first-time homeowner.

Beth’s philosophy views the librarian in the role of educator. For her, attendance at the YSS Spring Conference was a means to obtain the ongoing education on best practices in the field and how to successfully apply them.
YSS Scholarship Recipients (continued)

Ann Gibson Scholarship Recipient – Emma Hartloff

Emma Hartloff is currently pursuing her Master of Library and Information Studies at The SUNY University at Buffalo. She also works part-time in the Children’s Department of the Brighton Place Library in Tonawanda, NY. Her responsibilities at the Brighton Place Library have included collection development and management in both children’s and young adult literature. She has also been involved in creating exciting new programs for young patrons. Her philosophy in this work is to get moving, get messy and have fun.

As a Girl Scout Leader for four years, Emma has lead a troop of 15 girls ages 5 to 10 years and conducted workshops for other adult Girl Scout volunteers. She attributes her success at coordinating children’s library programs to her experience with the Girl Scouts.

In her spare time, Emma loves to play board games, color, and read extensively and broadly, with graphic novels as her passion. Her goal is to incorporate her interests – STEAM, interactive programming and a love of graphic novels – into her career as a youth services librarian. Last year she spoke about how graphic novels can be incorporated into curricula in order to meet Common Core standards in an engaging way at the School Librarians Association of Western New York Fall Sharing. She will be delivering the same presentation at the 2015 NYLA Annual Conference in Lake Placid in October.

Congratulations to the 2015 YSS scholarship recipients! More information about these scholarships is available online at the YSS Scholarships & Award page.

Prepared by YSS Scholarship Committee:
Terry Rabideau, Sarah Cordts, Michelle Waldenmaier

PIED PIPER AWARD — CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

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 2016 Pied Piper Award from the Youth Services Section of NYLA and receive a $50 book store gift certificate!

For more information and/or to download a submission form, visit the Pied Piper Award page on the YSS website.

(The submission deadline is December 4, 2015.)
NYLA YSS 2016 Spring Conference!

Friday, April 15th, 2016
The Desmond Hotel
Albany, NY

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2016 YSS Spring Conference. This annual, daylong conference is used to help youth services staff learn new skills, keep up with trends, and get ideas they can bring back and adapt for their own library.

Keynote Speaker:
Jarrett Krosoczka

Jarrett J. Krosoczka has been passionate about storytelling through words and pictures since he was a kid. He began his professional career by illustrating educational readers for a national publisher while still an undergraduate at Rhode Island School of Design. Then, just six months after graduation, Jarrett received his first contract for a trade book that he authored. Knopf Books for Young Readers published Good Night, Monkey Boy on June 12, 2001 and Jarrett hasn’t stopped or slowed down since.

Jarrett is a two-time winner of the Children’s Choice Book Award for the Third to Fourth Grade Book of the Year and is the author and/or illustrator of more than twenty-five books for young readers. His work includes several picture books, the Lunch Lady graphic novels and Platypus Police Squad middle-grade novel series. Jarrett has given two TED Talks, both of which have been curated to the main page of TED.com and have collectively accrued more than a million views online. He is also the host of The Book Report with JJK on SiriusXM’s Kids Place Live, a weekly segment celebrating books, authors and reading. His work has been featured on the front page of The Boston Globe and on NPR’s All Things Considered. Jarrett’s books have also been recommended by national publications such as Newsweek, The New York Times and USA Today. His Punk Farm picture book and Lunch Lady series are both currently in development as feature films. Jarrett lives in Western Massachusetts with his wife, two daughters and their pug—Ralph Macchio.

Luncheon Speaker:
Bruce Coville

Bruce Coville is the author of over 100 books for children and young adults, including the international bestseller My Teacher is an Alien, the “Unicorn Chronicles” series, and Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher. His work has appeared in a dozen languages and won children’s choice awards in a dozen states. His newest book is Diary of a Mad Brownie (With Supporting Documents).

Before becoming a full time writer Bruce was a teacher, a toymaker, a magazine editor, a gravedigger, and a cookware salesman. He is also the creator of FULL CAST AUDIO, an audiobook company devoted to producing full cast, unabridged recordings of material for family listening and has produced over a hundred audiobooks, directing and/or acting in most of them. He is much in demand as a speaker and storyteller, and has performed on five continents. Bruce lives in Syracuse, New York, with his wife, illustrator and author, Kathy Coville.

Stay tuned for more information about speakers/workshops and the authors who will take part in the 2016 YSS Spring Conference Author Garden!
Dedication of Literary Landmark™ for Almanzo & Laura Ingalls Wilder

United for Libraries, in partnership with the New York Library Association, the Empire State Center for the Book, the Almanzo and Laura Ingalls Wilder Association, and HarperCollins Publishers designated the Wilder Homestead in Burke, New York, as a Literary Landmark™ in honor of author Laura Ingalls Wilder during a celebration on July 11.

The Museum planned a day of celebration in conjunction with their annual art event for children. Adirondack folksinger Roy Hurd performed before the ceremony and the winners of the art contest for fourth graders were announced. Among those attending the dedication was Lisa C. Wemett, President of the Friends of Libraries Section/NYLA, representing both NYLA and the Empire State Center for the Book. Wemett worked with NYLA’s eight sections to raise funds for the plaque for the Homestead. “It seemed fitting to give northern New York a gift in recognition of NYLA’s 125th anniversary year. We are pleased to provide this legacy, which brings national recognition to the museum, with its strong connection to literature for young people,” said Wemett. The Wilder Homestead is the first Literary Landmark™ in northern New York and the sixteenth in New York State. It is the only “Little House” site to receive this recognition from United for Libraries.

Museum volunteer Jim Lusk, who portrays Almanzo’s father James Mason Wilder, served as master of ceremonies and helped to unveil the plaque. Homestead Vice-President Ken Carre had constructed a pedestal of locally quarried stone which holds the plaque, surrounded by the kitchen garden at the farmhouse’s entrance. Historian and award-winning author William Anderson of Lapeer, Michigan, spoke about the “Little House” series and the significance of the Wilder family and Homestead to northern New York.

Fourth grade students who won the Homestead’s essay contest portrayed Laura Ingalls and Almanzo Wilder for the day. Volunteer Jim Lusk, acting as Almanzo’s father James Mason Wilder, assisted the students as they unveiled the plaque. Timberly Garland was the Honorary Laura and Ryan Duquette was the Honorary Almanzo.
Remembering Ellin Chu

This summer, YSS received word of the passing of Ellin Chu of Rochester, who served as YSS President in 1983-84. Past Presidents Lisa C. Wemett (1991) and Karen Hultz (2000) both had the pleasure of working with Ellin in the 1980s and 1990s when Ellin was the Young Adult Consultant for the Monroe County Library System.

MCLS had one of the few full-time YA consultant positions in the state to assist member libraries with collection development, programs, and issues related to teen services. It was a time that teen services received very little support in member libraries and in the profession. Ellin was incredibly knowledgeable on all things “YA” and provided encouragement beyond measure.

“How having Ellin as our YA consultant certainly made it easier being a new YA librarian,” said Karen. “It also might have been her influence that made us such a strong group of teen librarians.” When the library system eliminated her position, “we all said that we would continue to meet monthly and be a support to one another,” said Karen. The teen librarians were the first group of age-level specialists in the Rochester region to organize and meet on their own to provide assistance to one another, develop booklists, and to share best practices that would meet the needs of their young patrons.

Ellin chaired the YSS committee that compiled the Young Adult Program Guidebook, published in 1983. Ellin recruited Lisa to serve on the editorial committee that compiled YSS’s first book that highlighted teen services in both public and school libraries. The popularity of the topic and strong sales led to The Second Young Adult Program Guidebook four years later. Now the roles were reversed: Lisa chaired the publication committee and Ellin served as a committee member, along with Karen Hultz.

In Lisa’s “President’s Column” in the Fall 1990 issue of the YSS newsletter, she thanked the mentors she had had in the seven years of her involvement in YSS that lead up to her YSS Presidency. “From Ellin Chu, I learned that a little involvement in a publication of excellence can grow into a large involvement to serve my colleagues from across the state. I also learned that if a publication is good enough, it will give rise to a second one on the same topic. (I still think we should have called the second one Son of the Young Adult Program Guidebook!)

Our organization is built on volunteerism and the camaraderie of our library peers. We give back to one another and continue to share our best practices statewide to make our profession stronger. Thank you, Ellin, and all YSS Past Presidents for your service to YSS. Your guidance, encouragement, and support to the fledgling members that you mentor during your involvement in YSS/NYLA keeps us vital. You just never know where your efforts might lead!

Look who else was at that gathering in 1990: future YSS President Mary Ferris! Chatting here with Mary A. Brown.
YOUTH SERVICES SECTION

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*We send our newsletter by email only.

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  (Presenting a workshop is 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 an elected position on the YSS Executive Board_____

• Being on a YSS Committee ____
  (See reverse side for list of committees.)

• Working at the YSS booth at the Spring Conference_____ NYLA Conference_____

• Writing an article for the newsletter_____

• Planning YSS programs for the NYLA Conference_____

• Local Arrangements person for the YSS Spring Conference_____ NYLA Conference_____

• Web/Computer Work_____

• Work on a task group to develop a YSS publication_____

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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.

Member News
Did you have a recent career change, promotion, special activity or honor related to youth services librarianship? Do you have some personal news 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.

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