YSS Spring Board Meeting
April 7, 2022
Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library
10:30 AM-1:45 PM

Voting Board Members In Attendance: Jenny Burke - President, Kim Hazen - Vice President/President-Elect, Amanda Schiavulli - Past President & 2022 Council Representative, Mary Jo Smith - 2nd Vice President - Membership, Ashley Bressingham - Secretary, Elissa Valente - Treasurer, Chrissie Morrison - 2022 Spring Conference Director, Julia Farrar - 2023 Spring Conference Director

Non-Voting Board Members In Attendance: Nan Brown - Newsletter Editor, Jackie Bleich - Communications Committee and Web Liaison, Sharon Phillips - NYS Library Liaison

Members In Attendance: Dawn Pressimone - SSL Past President

E - vote between meetings - Kim Hazen motion to accept the Scholarship Committee’s selection of Rose Stuart to win the Lisa Wemett Scholarship and Kristin McClune to win the New Member Scholarship, Chrissie Morrison seconded, motion approved March 3, 2022

10:43 AM President Jenny Burke called the meeting to order

Motion to approve the agenda for today’s meeting - Amanda Schiavulli, Kim Hazen seconded - motion approved

Motion to approve January 14, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes - Elissa Valente, Chrissie Morrison seconded - motion approved

Treasurer’s Report - Elissa Valente (see attached #1)
   a. Approval of the Report

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report - Chrissie Morrison, Mary Jo Smith seconded - report approved

President’s Report - Amanda Schiavulli (see attached #2)
   a. Slate of Candidates for 2022 NYLA Election - Motion anticipated
   b. NYLA Council updates
      i. Executive Session to Discuss a NYLA Update
   c. Liaison Reports
      i. Awards & Recognition
      ii. Communications/Website
      iii. Continuing Education
iv. Intellectual Freedom
v. Legislative
vi. New York State Library
vii. Sustainability

Motion to approve the slate of candidates for the 2022 NYLA Election - Mary Jo Smith, Kim Hazen seconded - motion approved

Motion to begin Executive Session - Amanda Schiavulli, Chrissie Morrison seconded - motion approved

Motion to end Executive Session - Elissa Valente, Amanda Schiavulli seconded - motion approved

President’s Report - Jenny Burke (see attached #3)
   a. Updates
   b. SSL Liaison Report - Dawn Pressimore

2nd Vice President - Membership Report - Mary Jo Smith (see attached #4)

Vice President/President-Elect’s Report - Kim Hazen (see attached #5)
   a. Committee Reports
      i. Empire State Award
      ii. Fall Conference Planning
      iii. Marketing
      iv. NYS Battle of the Books
      v. Pied Piper Award
      vi. Scholarship
      vii. Youth Advocacy

Motion to appoint Emily Forbes-Wood to the Pied Piper Award Committee - Kim Hazen, Mary Jo Smith seconded - motion approved

2022 Spring Conference Director’s Report - Chrissie Morrison (see attached #6)

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM for a lunch break and resumed at 1:20 PM

2023 Spring Conference Director’s Report - Julia Farrar (see attached #7)

Unfinished Business

New Business
   a. Teen Video Challenge
Sharon Phillips discussed the possibility of YSS creating a Committee for the Teen Video Challenge program. The Teen Video Challenge was based in each state and now it is a national competition since CSLP took it over. The state library would be able to support and promote this program. It could be worthwhile to continue it if possible and perhaps with community sponsors involved. It’s open for different ideas and perhaps a possible collaboration between school and public libraries doing the program together.

Nan Brown discussed the issues she had with the dissemination of the last YSS newsletter. Dawn Pressimone talked about a workaround that SSL came up with to make sure that their information is disseminated in a timely fashion.

Adjournment - Motion to Adjourn - Chrissie Morrison, Mary Jo Smith seconded - motion approved
TREASURER’S REPORT

2021-2022 INCOME
Projected $44,460.00
Received (through 12/31/2021) $4,105.00

2021-2022 EXPENSES
Projected $44,460.00
Incurred (through 12/31/2021) $3,363.31

General Comments
YSS continues to have a healthy fund balance, despite being negative. NYLA has been able to process the financial transactions of the section through December. I do not have updates on what has been processed since that date, so the numbers reflect the delay. The next Treasurer’s report will review the cost/gain from the NYLA and YSS conferences.

NYLA has requested that any financial questions/matters be filtered through the Treasurer at this time. If you have any concerns/questions about finances, please forward them to me, and I will communicate with NYLA.

Thank you to Chrissie for keeping me informed of all transactions related to the YSS conference.

Budget
Membership dues allocation totaled $450.50 as of 12/31/21.

No revisions to the budget are being requested at this time.

Recommendations/Requests

- Please have any outstanding RRs for FY 2021-2022 to Jenny by June 1, 2022 for her signature and for her to send on to me. The budget year closes on June 30.

- I am asking the YSS Board to instruct Committee Chairs, Directors, Planners and current Officers to review all expenses, allocations, and awards relevant to their responsibilities with the intent of updating budgeted funds; and make written recommendations to adjust allocated funds and awards to take effect in FY2022-23 to the treasurer.

- To incorporate proposed adjustments and create an edited budget for FY2022-23 in a timely fashion, I need any written proposals of budget requests no later than June 1, 2022.
2. Past President’s Report

YSS Past President/2022 NYLA Council Representative Report
Prepared by Amanda Schiavulli
April 2022

NYLA Council Report:

Met on February 3, March 9 and March 17.

February 3rd highlights included:
- Endorsement of Emily Drabrinski, Candidate for President of the American Library Association.
- Resolution recognizing the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Friends of Libraries Section of the New York Library Association.

March 9 was a quick meeting to vote on the Council Statement of Solidarity with Ukraine: https://www.nyla.org/nyla-2021-22-council-statement-of-solidarity-with-ukraine/

Next meeting will be April 14 to discuss the Balanced budget Task Force’s written recommendation. We will likely need a virtual meeting the following week to discuss.

From my notes at the March 17th meeting, the Balanced Budget Task Force will be recommending the following in writing on April 14th:
- Membership dues with a section selection will go to the section for one year. Unused balance will go back into the main NYLA budget.
- Dues without a section selection will go to the main NYLA budget – not defaulted to PLS.
- All fundraising dollars will stay with the section and carry over year to year.

Any questions for me to bring back to Council?

Past President Report:
The NYLA Elections will begin at the start of June and will run until Mid-June before school lets out. NYLA has been trying to align other NYLA Unit Election cycles then to drum up more activity to other elections. Next year, we should start advertising calling for the slate in our winter newsletter.
For this election season, I was able to get a commitment to run —unopposed right now— from the following people. **Question:** Should I solicit for elections or just have everyone run unopposed?

**Nominees for 2022 YSS Election:**

- **Position: First Vice-President/President Elect**
  - Liz Anastasi
    - Children’s Librarian
    - Greenburgh Public Library (Elmsford, NY)

- **Position: YSS Representative to Council**
  - Joyce Laiosa
    - Retired, Voorheesville Public Library
    - Former YSS President

- **Position: Treasurer**
  - Nancarrow Brown
    - Young Adult and Community Outreach Services Librarian
    - Community Library of DeWitt and Jamesville (DeWitt, NY)

- **Position: 2024 Spring Conference Director**
  - Heidi Eckerson
    - Member Services Librarian
    - Finger Lakes Library System (Ithaca, NY)

**Liaison Reports:**

**Awards & Recognition – Mallory Marinaro**

- No updates as of yet. Expects a big report in the summer.

**Communications/Website – Jackie Bleich**

**News**

Communications committee work:

- Gave YSS Drive Access to newly added committee members/volunteers.

**Website Updates**

- Added October 2021 Meeting Minutes.
- Updated 2022 Board Members Reimbursement Page.
  - Added Revised/Approved Reimbursement Policy PDF.
  - Edited Reimbursement Policy on Website to match PDF content.
- Added updated application link (google form) to the Spring Conference Scholarship page.
- Added new Pied Piper Award Submission Form and edited annual deadline.
• Edited YSS Conference Registration Prices.
  • Removed Early Bird Prices after date past.
  • Fixed Conference Page error.
• Added Community Service Project image to the YSS Conference page.
• Added YSS Executive Board Candidate Promotion and Active Member Form on the YSS home page. Positions include:
  • 1st Vice President/President Elect
  • Treasurer
  • 2024 Spring Conference Director
  • YSS NYLA Council Representative

Current Projects
• None

Questions for YSS board
• None

Report prepared by Jaclyn Bleich, Onondaga County Public Libraries
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Continuing Education – Claire Lovell
NYLA is in the process of hiring two new people. The staff roles have been slightly modified though, so any CE that YSS would like to do will go to Christina Romeo. Christina will manage CE programs and marketing alike. If we want to sponsor any webinars, we can start planning those.

Intellectual Freedom – Anthony Stenta
The Intellectual Committee is doing a little bit more than we did previously. We started to develop a system for librarians in NY. If there are cases of censorship at their libraries I believe we might be working with the NY State library. We also started social networking aligned with NYLA. And, we discussed the upcoming NYLA Intellectual Freedom Award. At one point we will let people nominate individuals for the award.

Legislative Committee Liaison – Mary Fellows

We’re on the cusp of a budget, and there is library funding proposed that looks very different from previous years:
  • The Senate has proposed our actual ask (!): $123M (million) aid plus $45M construction funds.
  • The Assembly’s resolution provides $106.1M in aid and $34M in construction funds.
  • These are the responses to the Governor’s proposed budget of $96.1M in aid and $14M in construction funds.

Of further interest to YSS members, both houses included appropriating $150K of the monies in
the “Love Your Library” fund (source: license plate and tax check-off). This money will support Summer Reading Program, probably passing through the systems.

As the three branches hammer out a final budget, we’re keeping up our advocacy push to better last year’s appropriation of $94.1 aid and $34M construction funding, plus additional help for SRP!

Other non-budget bills, including eliminating tax for books purchased at school book fairs and the media literacy package, are in the background for lawmakers as the budget resolution take center stage. After a budget is passed, other bills are taken up.

NYLA is planning an in-person advocacy event called “Spring on the Hill” on May 17-18. The details are still coming; more information and registration on the NYLA page under “For Advocates,” here. Watch the evolving schedule and consider attending!

New York State Library – Sharon Philips

Summer Reading at New York Libraries/Transforming Teen Services

- Libraries are busy scheduling programs and events for Summer Reading 2022 and Oceans of Possibilities! The access code for the 2022 online manual has been distributed to all Youth Services Consultants to be shared with their member libraries. The code can be shared with all library staff who do summer programming for ALL age levels.
- Connect with local schools - It’s important for public libraries to reach out to schools and school libraries about Summer Reading, and get students interested and signed up NOW.
- Check out the updated CSLP Social Media Toolkit for ideas to promote Summer Reading and Learning: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1X_TjdbTTW043wMeL_GCnIs8NgwRqwf?usp=s haring Find #OceansofPossibilities, including plug and play posts, graphics, font suggestions, virtual meeting background, social media cover photos and more in one convenient spot. This is a living document and the CSLP Social Media team will be adding more posts and information all summer long so check back often.
- The READsquared software product will be available to NY state public libraries under the current contract through December 2022. Planning is underway for a new 5-year contract through the state RFP process. Libraries should continue to sign up for an account if they are not already using the free READsquared product and mobile app. Recordings of recent training sessions can be found on the READsquared page at https://www.summerreadingnys.org/readsquared/
- Summer Reading 2021 participation figures and information have been updated at https://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/information.htm Thanks to all libraries and systems that submitted photos and anecdotes from their Summer Reading programs in 2021.
- **Lunch and Learn sessions** scheduled for Summer Reading 2022 on a wide variety of topics can be found on the NYS Library home page at [https://www.nysl.nysed.gov/](https://www.nysl.nysed.gov/) Click on upcoming programs to access the full calendar of events. All Lunch and Learn sessions are recorded and archived for anyone who missed a session or wants to review a session. Find links to recordings from 4-H, the NY State Museum, Summer Meals, and more on the partner pages at [https://www.summerreadingnys.org/librarians-educators/le-resources/](https://www.summerreadingnys.org/librarians-educators/le-resources/)

- **Summer Meals** – After a significant decrease in library participation in 2020 due to COVID, the Summer Meals program is hoping to make a strong comeback! 39 public libraries participated in 2021, and the State Library hopes to see that number increase greatly for 2022. Hunger Solutions NY will be sharing program information for interested libraries, and the recording of the March 2022 Summer Meals Lunch and Learn session can be found at [https://www.summerreadingnys.org/hunger-solutions/](https://www.summerreadingnys.org/hunger-solutions/) The Summer Meals program benefits kids, families, libraries and communities, so please consider becoming involved in 2022. If your libraries have any questions, reach out to Krista Hesdorfer at Hunger Solutions NY by emailing krista.hesdorfer@hungersolutionsny.org

- **Love your Library fund update** – the 2022-23 Executive budget includes authorization language for the State Library to expend $150,000 of the Love Your Library special revenue fund for Summer Reading in 2022. Allocations would go to public library systems based on the same formula as the construction program. Guidelines and a web page with information and instructions are currently being drafted; systems may not actually receive the monies until July or August, and they could be rolled over if not spent in 2022.

- **Resources for students with print disabilities** - The New York State Talking Book and Braille Library (TBBL) has an updated page for Summer Reading and book recommendations! TBBL staff have compiled a selection of book titles organized by reading level, and the titles are all available in braille or audio format. A link to the new TBBL page and book lists is now on the “Great Partners” page at [https://www.summerreadingnys.org/librarians-educators/le-resources/#talking](https://www.summerreadingnys.org/librarians-educators/le-resources/#talking)

- Plans are underway for some program sessions for library staff and teens involving the recently announced 2022 group of National Student poets. More information should be available in June.

- **Transforming Teen Services/T3 training update** – There continues to be high interest in T3 training sessions. The YALSA grant ended in December 2021, but options are being explored to continue to offer T3 training in 2022 and beyond. YALSA is holding regular Zoom calls with the current T3 cohort states, and more information will be shared as planning comes together.

Questions about Summer Reading at New York Libraries or Transforming Teen Services/T3 may be directed to Sharon B. Phillips, Program Manager at Sharon.Phillips@nysed.gov

**Ready to Read at New York Libraries**

- A fantastic webinar on StoryWalks® was offered on November 9 by Mary Fellows of Upper Hudson Library System and Lorie Brown of Southern Tier Library System. Go to
https://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/webinars/index.html to access this recording and resource list, as well as recordings of past early literacy webinars.

- **Supercharged Storytimes training** – two five-week trainings are taking place in spring 2022. These popular trainings for library staff working with young children and families fill up quickly, and more sessions are planned for fall 2022. Please remind staff to fully participate if they do sign up. Find the Supercharged Storytimes page at [http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/earlylit/ssa/training.htm](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/earlylit/ssa/training.htm)

- A reminder that **One More Story** has 2 daily e-books as well as some NEW features! This is a great resource provided for FREE by the NY State Library. Please promote it to parents, caregivers, schools and your library community: [https://daybydayny.org/](https://daybydayny.org/) Find a flyer with information about the new features at [https://www.summerreadingnys.org/one-more-story/](https://www.summerreadingnys.org/one-more-story/)

- Check out the new DayByDayNY resources including an updated museum map for families looking to explore all that New York State has to offer: [https://daybydayny.org/explore-ny/](https://daybydayny.org/explore-ny/)

- Questions about Ready to Read at New York Libraries may be directed to Sharon B. Phillips, Program Manager at Sharon.Phillips@nysed.gov or nyslyouth@nysed.gov

**Sustainability – Raena Pellichet**

The sustainability committee met for the first time in the beginning of March this year. At this first meeting we focused on reaffirming the committee’s goals and the charge of the committee that we will be focusing on as we move forward. We are charged with pushing out sustainability best practices to NYLA members and to help members feel more connected to resources and things they can do to improve sustainability practices. The triple bottom line for sustainability that was outlined by ALA and used by other sustainability roundtables outlines that to be truly sustainable, we must utilize three aspects of sustainability: environmentally sound, economically feasible, and socially equitable.

We spoke about the sustainable practices ALA is using for their upcoming conference. We think we can look at some of the things they are doing to use for future NYLA conferences to help make it more sustainable. Taking simple steps like reusable nametags and recycling the name badges at the end of the conference, which I believe NYLA has already been working on, can be an easy way to help make our conference more sustainable. And we can look at other options that ALA is using as well to continue to improve at NYLA. They are also offering a carbon offset voluntary donation during registration to help aid an area of conservation. They are also offering a pledge during registration that you can take stating the things that you plan to do during the conference that will help with sustainability, such as using a reusable water bottle or using low carbon transportation options.

One of the goals we hope to work towards is outreach, working with NYLA social media platforms and newsletters to help push out information on sustainability. We want to create informational pieces on sustainability practices and resources as well as recirculating
information that already exists within NYLA on sustainability to help members find some resources that are already being offered but that some may not know how to find. We also would like to share stories from libraries around the state on things that they are already doing right now to be more sustainable. This will help shine light on different libraries and the ways that we are already working towards sustainability while also providing inspiration to other libraries for things they can try in their own libraries to improve their sustainability practices.

3. President’s Report

YSS President Report
April 7, 2022

I don’t have much to report since our last meeting. I couldn’t attend the SSL Board meeting on February 5, due to a work conflict (weekend librarian and Take Your Child to the Library Day activities). I provided them with a report on YSS activities.

AnnaLee Dragon reached out to me via email on March 16. She was contacted by Dale Ketcham, a grant writer working with the Broome County Public Library in Binghamton. He and the library director there are writing a grant proposal for early literacy activities, including multi-lingual storytimes, and he’s trying to research ways to measure their success/impact. She wondered if myself or YSS may have undertaken similar work before and have some ideas for him. She also put him in touch with DLD at NYS Library. I replied to her and Dale and encouraged him to reach out to Sarah Reid, the Outreach and Youth Services Manager at Four County Library System. I also provided him information about ALSC’s Every Child Ready to Read and PLA’s Project Outcome. He was very thankful for the information.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Burke

NAME OF REPORT: SSL Liaison Report
SUBMITTED BY: Dawn Pressimone, SSL Liaison to YSS Board
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SSL Conference:
We are excited to have our first in-person conference since 2019 on May 19 – May 21,
2022 at Turning Stone Conference and Event Center in Verona, NY. Andrea Davis Pinkney will be our Knickerbocker Award recipient. We have wonderful speakers, presenters, and authors lined up.

Please use the link below to see registration information.  
https://sites.google.com/view/nylassl2022/home?authuser=0

**SSL Leadership Institute:**  
We were happy to host our Leadership Institute last summer, but look forward to welcoming a larger group to the one this summer for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Part 2. It will be August 4 – August 5 at the Syracuse University Sheraton. The typical registration cost is around $200 and it is one night at the hotel. You do not need to have attended last summer to attend this one. Julia Torres is our featured speaker/presenter right now, but we are still working on the full program.

Please use the link below to keep up to date with information about it.  
https://sites.google.com/view/ssl-leadership-institute/2022-part-2?authuser=0

**Summer Reading Program:**  
I know SSL members do their best to promote the Summer Reading Program in their libraries and many partner with their local public librarian as well to get the word out to students and families. We will continue to do so and would love feedback on how else we can help.

**Misc.**  
I know SSL is excited to continue working closely with YSS and again, we’d love feedback on any thoughts/ideas you have on how to continue growing this partnership.

4.  2nd Vice President - Membership Report

Second Vice President’s Report—March 2022

The first few months of my incumbency have been extremely frustrating. Due to the upheaval at the highest levels of NYLA, transitions have not gone smoothly, to say the least. Despite having been informed by Chinasa that I was the new membership representative for YSS, and three separate emails from me stating the same information, I was never added to the Membership Committee roster. Therefore, I missed the February and March Membership Committee meetings, because I was not informed they were happening. I have been assured by Annalee Dragon I have been added to whatever communication list exists. The next meeting is April 11. I will be sure to get the information I need to attend.

According to the NYLA website, YSS has 341 members. Since that number seemed very low, I went through the whole list. I believe these members are personal members, and their membership is current (no expired memberships). I think organizational members have not been added. For example, my membership is through the Monroe County Library System, and
my name is not listed. I hope the list will be updated soon, and I will be able to access more information about YSS members.

I wrote an article for the newsletter about Heidi Jung, who is the Teen Services Librarian at my library. I also started thinking about a member gift. I tried to think of something that people could really use. I feel like none of us needs another pad of paper, or pen, or most of the stuff that is normally given. My hands get incredibly dry in the winter, so I thought, what about hand lotion? Wouldn’t a little bottle of lotion with Yancey’s happy face on it be the bomb? It may be cost prohibitive, but that’s what I was considering.

I’m hopeful the upcoming months will be more productive. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo C. Smith

5. Vice President/President-Elect’s Report

YSS 1st Vice President-President Elect Report
April 7, 2022

1st VP Report

I have been in contact via email with committee members to answer any questions they have. I made sure all committee reports were uploaded to Google Drive.

I am currently looking for 1st year members for each of the committees. I have had some success so far with Youth Advocacy Committee and Conference Planning Committee. I still need to get some possible candidates for the other committees so I will announce during the YSS Conference that we need some new committee members for the fall.

Committee Reports:

Name of Committee: Conference Planning

I have been searching high and low for an author for the membership meeting. My committee and I had decided to have a YA author since we had not had a YA author in some time. I am in the midst of coming to an agreement with YA author Alex Sanchez. He is a Mexican-American Author. His first book Rainbow Boys (2001) was selected by ALA as a Best Book for Young Adults. In 2021, Time Magazine named the Rainbow Boys as one of The 100 Best YA books of All Time.

I was on vacation when the program proposals were sent to the conference curators. (of course) I have been studying each proposal carefully and have an idea of which would be
best suited for YSS.

Respectfully submitted by: Sarah Heukrath

Name of Committee: Empire State Award

2022 ESA Business

Kate Messner is the selected ESA recipient for 2022. We are excited about working with Kate and making the official announcement at the spring YSS conference. We have been in contact with Kate over several emails and will be working more purposefully with her as the NYLA conference approaches.

Lex Abenshon has been very helpful in mentoring me in regard to the Chair’s responsibilities. I will continue to pick her brain and ask questions. Lex, Margaret and I have been in contact via email regarding the 2023 selection and contacting her. It has not been as easy as I had anticipated and, through a last ditch effort of unusual means, we managed to finally contact Tamora Pierce who notified her assistant/publicist.

Tamora Pierce has gratefully accepted the nomination for the 2023 Empire State Award!

The ESA committee will work together to make Kate Messner’s acceptance of the 2022 award and speech a memorable experience at the NYLA conference in November.

ESA Nomination Bank Update

The 2022 ESA Committee will continue to work on compiling a list of authors and illustrators residing in New York State to supplement nominations received through traditional means and to solicit nominations from YSS members. We discussed the ongoing difficulty to collect nominations from YSS members in the past and this continues to be difficult. We brainstormed ideas on different ways to get out the word more broadly perhaps by targeting certain dates, areas, listservs, etc.

Slate of Nominees for ESA 2023 and beyond

The ESA committee met via Zoom on January 3rd, 2022, selected Tamora Pierce as the top choice 2023 ESA recipient from the slate of nominees. The top three nominees (Tamora Pierce, Nina Crews, Paul Zelinsky) were given to the YSS board in January and approved.

Respectfully Submitted by the 2022 ESA Committee:

Gail Brown
Alexandria Abenshon
Margaret Martin

Name of Committee: Marketing

Committee Updates:

- Facebook – Up 7 new followers since January at 630 total followers
- Instagram – Up 13 followers since January at 281 total followers
- Twitter – Up 47 new followers since January for a total of 492 Followers
- Pinterest – Up 4 followers for a total of 53 Followers

- Engagement is growing on both Twitter and Pinterest. Engagement remained largely the same for Facebook and Instagram.

Short Term Goals:

- Increase followers and engagement on all social media platforms. Specifically we will work on getting more involvement on our Facebook and Instagram pages.
- Work with all YSS Committees to promote the Youth Services Section.

Long Term Goals:

- Coordinate with contacts from other sections to ensure our members have access to relevant news, updates, and other important information, including conference updates, scholarship/award winners, webinar information, and more.
- Work cohesively with other committees and to discuss possible solutions to ensure that information is shared in a timely, organized, and complete manner.
- Discuss possible ways to increase YSS membership and enthusiasm.
- Increase engagement on our social media pages.
- Work as a committee to begin reaching out to colleges and universities throughout the state to increase membership with those just entering the youth services field.

If there is anything you’d ever like shared on our social media platforms, please do not hesitate to contact me! Information/posts can be emailed to lelinskij@buffalolib.org

Respectfully submitted 3/30/2022

Jennifer Lelinski
Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries
Name of Committee: Pied Piper Award

Names, addresses, and contact information for Chair and committee members:

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Updates:

The 2022 prize will go unawarded due to lack of eligible applicants.

Award winners typically present at the YSS conference, but not this year.

The web page has been updated with the application materials for 2023. The 2021 winners will keep their featured spot on the main page.

The most recent (Spring 2022) YSS newsletter includes:

• Information about applying for Pied Piper 2023 ($200 prize)

• Reminder that library staff in need of programming ideas should visit the Pied Piper Archives

Additional Information:

The deadline for 2021-22 submissions was temporarily extended twice, first to January, and then to February 2022 (the traditional deadline falls in December). This was apparently helpful for other NYLA scholarships and awards with few or no applicants at their normal deadlines, but it did not help Pied Piper.

All libraries are looking for summer programming ideas. The Pied Piper page includes a free, public archive of ready-made, award-winning programs and support materials. This archive is available to anyone.

The committee would like to remind everyone: if two or more people cooperate on a
program, only one must be a current YSS member to apply for the award. We urge YSS members to apply themselves but also to consider partnering with colleagues who are new to the profession (i.e., not yet NYLA-YSS members) and would like to share the work they are doing.

Respectfully submitted by:
Anne Nelson

Name of Committee: Scholarship Committee

We had 4 total applicants for the Spring Conference Scholarship, 3 for new member and 1 for the Lisa C. Wemett scholarship. The advertisement for the Ann Gibson scholarship has been sent out to our listservs but we have not had any applications sent in yet. The deadline is May 31, 2022, so we still have time to promote more.

Respectfully submitted by: Rickele Bello

Name of Committee: Youth Advocacy Committee

The committee is working on a “Banned-Aid” series of booktalks, living on a YAC YouTube channel and shared via Twitter and other avenues yet to be determined.

As we start, each committee member is preparing a less than five-minute booktalk on one challenged book, covering what the book is about, why it’s collection-worthy, and very briefly why it may have been challenged. The focus is on information for librarians about books that are being challenged, and reminding them of our professional due diligence in selecting and dealing with questions. As the project evolves, we hope to make some segments two-way conversations between school and public library folks, and/or consider more than one book.

Last report I mentioned a #challengethechallenge initiative via our Twitter feed to inform YS librarians about their role in managing a materials challenge. That was superseded by Banned Aid, but we may still use that tagline and post via Twitter.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Fellows, Youth Advocacy Committee member (SSL member chair is Jill Leinung)

Name of Committee: NYS Battle of the Books Committee

No report received as of March 31, 2022. I emailed Lis Anastasi to confirm but I believe this committee is still on pause due to the pandemic.
Report by Chrissie Morrison, 2022 YSS Spring Conference Director
YSS Spring Board Meeting – April 7, 2022

Our conference is tomorrow!!!
We had a lot of issues with registration and such, but the NYLA staff did their level best to fix everything as quickly as they could every time we let them know. When all was said and done, we had 100 people registered for the conference, and I am going to call that a win because it’s our first in-person conference since COVID *and* we had to plan it all during a major NYLA transition. Our new NYLA Executive Director, AnnaLee Dragon, has done a lot of work in the last month to help us get everything finalized and I am glad she will be able to join us and experience the conference for herself!

Location – River’s Casino & Resort in Schenectady, NY
They have set things up so that we have 18 tables of 6 seats each in the main ballroom, so there will be some extra spaces for people to spread out and such. Our food options are OFF THE HOOK at this conference, and I apologize in advance for anyone who is tempted to eat too much or for any complaints we receive in future years when we have to scale back our conference menus. Our food and beverage minimum was set with the expectation that we would likely have 125-150 people in attendance, so we had to add some extra options to hit the mark. As I like to say, this is a #HappyProblem!

Author/Keynote Speaker – Chris Crutcher
Chris Crutcher is joining us at the pre-conference reception, and he is even bringing his partner – though he said she will not be attending the conference because she “has already heard every story he has to tell” and wants to take the chance to get out and explore Schenectady. Aside from giving the keynote and signing books, Chris has graciously agreed to do 3 breakout sessions. I am sure that his sessions will be very popular, so he has the largest of the breakout rooms.

Pre-Conference Reception – Druthers Brewing Company
We have a door prize raffle that all attendees can enter, and there are silent auction bags/baskets to benefit the Ann Gibson Scholarship. The food will be buffet style except for the two gluten free attendees (who have the ability to order food straight from the menu because the catering options aren’t Celiac friendly). Soft drinks and dessert are included, but all alcoholic beverages will be via cash bar.

Charity Partner – Things of My Very Own
We are collecting BABY and CHILD toiletry items – like lotion, body wash, toothpaste, etc. Their organization is amazing, and I really hope we will be able to get a good showing of support from our conference attendees. Every donated item is worth a raffle ticket, so hopefully that will be a good incentive.
Bookstore – The Open Door Bookstore
All of the books arrived a couple of weeks ago and they are ready to hit the ground running when they arrive at the conference. Because they have such a small staff at their store, they will arrive after breakfast and will sell books until after lunch. We will get 10% of all profits they make at the conference!

Announcements
Because we will not be having a luncheon speaker, all of the award announcements and such will be made during the luncheon. We do not have representatives from all of the committees coming to the conference, so I have Jenny Burke announcing the scholarship and Pied Piper winners. Gail Brown is prepared to announce the 2022 ESA winner, though. After that, I figure Amanda Schiavulli can announce the slate and then give the NYLA Annual Conference teaser. (see outline below)

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| 12:00pm | Chrissie Morrison | Welcome to Lunch  
| | | Explain lunch = networking  
| | | Introduce Jenny Burke  
| Jenny Burke | | Introduce YSS Executive Board  
| | | Acknowledge SC Scholarship Winners  
| | | Announce Pied Piper Award Winner  
| | | Introduce Gail Brown (ESA)  
| Gail Brown | | Make ESA announcement  
| | | Turn it over to Amanda Schiavulli  
| Amanda Schiavulli | | Give Fall 2022 NYLA Teaser  
| | | Announce slate of candidates  
| | | Bring back Chrissie Morrison  
| Chrissie Morrison | | Last plug for raffle tickets and book store  
| | | Enjoy lunch!  
| 1:00pm | Chrissie Morrison | Draw raffle winners  
| | | Release to 2nd (and 3rd) breakout session  

7. 2023 Spring Conference Director’s Report

Board Report—March 30, 2022

Submitted by Julia Farrar, 2023 Spring Conference Director
Committee

The committee met 2/1/22 and 3/3/22, with an April meeting planned for after the 2022 conference. Committee members are as follows:
Michele Barron (Stillwater)
Catherine Brenner (Saratoga Springs)
Alex Desourdy (RCS Community Library)
Kate Lambert (Bethlehem)
Amy McCarthy (Guilderland)
Chinasa Seyse (Schenectady)
Emily F. Wood (Hudson Falls Library)

Conference Location and Dates

I have received an estimate from a venue in Lake George and am waiting on two others. April 28th is the date we’re aiming for.

Theme

Committee members have discussed several theme ideas and have landed on a general games/gaming theme with the slogan and keynote centering on a concept of acknowledging change and moving forward with services and in the community (world building, restart, level up, etc).

Conference Content

The committee is discussing options for keynote speakers and authors. Virtual speakers are also being considered if that brings the possibility of an excellent presentation that wouldn’t be available otherwise. A call for proposals for conference programs will come out later this year.