



YALS Meeting
January 25th, 2024
10:00 a.m. EST
Virtual- Zoom

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1. **Call to Order**
 - a. Nicole called to order at 10:01 am.
 2. **Attendance**
 - a. Kim Baker-Howe Library, Michelle Baker-Gale Library, Chandra Boudreau - Exeter Public Library, Teen Awards Committee Chair, Susan Dansereau-Gafney Library, Stacey Desrosiers-Goffstown Public Library, Treasurer, Jenny Devost- Merrimack Public Library, Nicole Gauvreau-Pease Public Library, President, Brianna Hannah - Laconia Public Library, Ashlee Lykansion - Nashua Public Library, Nikki Rheaume-Lebanon Public Libraries, Secretary, Maryjo Siergiej- Wiggin Memorial Library, Past President, Kathy Watson-Kimball Library
 3. **Date of next meeting- 3/21 at 10am on Zoom**
 - a. Possible change in time?
 - i. Would earlier work? Should we stick with the third Thursday at 10?
 1. Decided to stay with Thursdays at 10am, next meeting will be 3/21 at 10am.
 4. **Approval of November minutes**
 - a. Jenny motioned to approve the minutes.
 - b. Maryjo seconded the motion.
 - c. Motion passed.
 5. **President's Report- Nicole**
 - a. a. Vice President news: Kat has a new job (YAY!), but she has decided it's best to step down as VP to do so. Kim Baker from the Howe has been nominated for new VP. Today's meeting also functions as an election. If a quorum is not reached, an email vote will go out.
 - b. NHLA meeting update
 - i. Mindy is Past President and is using this time to work with each section to firm up their bylaws
 - ii. There is a new standard contract for all events and speakers from NHLA
 1. All expenses will need to be reviewed by the NHLA treasurer.
 - a. This will be important when planning our fall conference.
 - iii. Please use NHLA executive board emails when conducting NHLA business
6. **Vice President's Report- No current VP**
 - a. Nothing to report.

7. Secretary's Report- Nikki

- a. Nothing to report.

8. Treasurer's Report- Stacey

- a. The December account statement had a balance of \$5627.13. This includes the following transactions:
 - i. \$45.00 in dues for December
 - ii. \$.05 in interest for December
- b. Before we know it YALS will be talking about the budget for FY 2025 and the fall conference. I thought it would be a good idea to present some current figures from FY 2024.
 - i. Expenses for the conference totaled \$2,922.67
 - ii. Income for the conference totaled \$1,765.00
- c. Dues collected to date totals \$65—with January renewals coming in, I expect January-March to have the bulk of the due's income.
- d. Please add FY 2025 budget talk and vote for on the agenda for the March 2024 YALS meeting.

9. Media Report- Krista - Nicole reporting for Krista

- a. Has had no problem with social media, all is well on that front. Please send anything you would like posted.
- b. Has been in contact with Yvette for website logins 3 times, and each time she has contacted Dale to give me log-in information. Dale has yet to respond. Please let me know if you all know anything I can do to speed up the process.
- c. Please let me know if there has been any movement on the NHLA social media per Mindy from the NHLA Exec board meeting.

10. Past-President- Maryjo

- a. Reached out to Justine to work on the Teen Librarian of the Year award.
- b. Plans to update the binders for this year.
 - i. Please send binders to Maryjo at Wiggins Library.

11. State Library Report- Deborah Dutcher- Not in attendance.

- a. Nothing to report.

12. Teen Reads Awards Committee Report- Chandra

- a. January meeting is rescheduled to next week to check in.
- b. The Youth Media Awards came out this week.
 - i. Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarros has received an Alex Award, in case there is any push back about it.
- c. The big selection meeting is in March and teen voting will begin in April.
- d. Any news on the meeting platform for the big meeting in March?
 - i. In our budget we have 250 dollars for things like this
 - 1. Zoom is \$160/year.
 - 2. Zoho is \$72/year.
 - 3. Brittany said Zoom through TechSoup is \$18 a year.
 - a. Stacey can look into TechSoup.
 - 4. Motion to spend up to \$200 for a video chat platform.
 - a. Jenny motioned.
 - b. Kim seconded.
 - c. Motion passes.
 - 5. Stacey and Nicole will work on purchasing together

13. VP election

- a. Kim Baker is running unopposed
 - i. Quorum passed for votes, Kim is new VP

14. New Business

- a. Creation of YA book club kits (like READS to Go for adults)
 - i. Pease will sponsor Poet X, Laconia willing to sponsor one
 - ii. Need to decide on containers for these (READS uses lovely, sturdy, custom bags, but they are [\\$30 each](#))
 1. [Possible bag](#) (not \$30)
 - iii. Brianna President of READS and former Kits to Go chair is here to answer questions
 1. READS covers the cost of bags and give out for free to libraries, libraries purchase the books
 2. 15 copies of each book-14 paperback and 1 large print
 - a. READS has approved kits with smaller amounts in them before.
 - i. Teens numbers are low for teens (3-10) but these kits can also go out to adults as well.
 1. Asking for 10 paperbacks for a teen kit but more can be bought if desired.
 3. Who is responsible for the discussion questions in the kits.
 - a. Library who supplies the kit would also supply discussion questions.
 4. How do we approve kits? Committee, email or at meetings
 - a. Put out a call for titles for approval but not on the list would need approval and discuss at meeting
 - iv. Kim Motioned to approve
 1. Nikki seconded
 2. Motion passed
 - v. For the March meeting we will have bag prices.
 - b. Creation of new liaison position for YALS, CLNH, and associated book awards
 - i. Joint board meeting took place in December
 - ii. This position would be an elected member of both boards
 1. This means they will have to be a member of both sections
 - a. Nicole will raise the question to the membership committee of NHLA of waiving membership fees and see if it is possible.
 2. Will act as liaison between book award committees
 - iii. Need by-law revision and election for position
 1. Nicole has created YALS revision; see appendix
 - a. Section 8 of article 7 is adding the duties of the officer and to add the member
 - b. This revision needs to be approved by the larger membership.
 - i. Special meeting or internet vote.
 - c. YALS still supports the video game library.
 - i. This is still in budget.
 1. Stacey just needs an invoice and can then get payment going.

15. Old Business

- a. Teen Librarian of the Year Award
 - i. We have talked around this for quite some time, let's make a point to solidify this (ideally in time for the Fall Conference)

- b. Strategic Plan Update
 - i. Per Julia, the final report for the Strategic Plan was presented at the YALS 2022 conference.
 - 1. Here are the findings:
 - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1h1eZ0ejrBGR-iKzHEPHsSIN1BGSITFKKozEowPYJEdl/edit#slide=id.g157b8be8434_0_134
 - 2. The board should review the results and craft a plan for the future (need to pick a year range to focus on. Ex. 1-3 years or 5-10 years).
 - a. Shorter term plans are likely better for now.
 - b. Focus on the next 1-3 years.
 - 3. These #s are from 2021 so some things may have changed
 - ii. Create a team to actually write this!
 - 1. Mini committee?
 - a. Kim volunteered to help out, Chandra can assist, we will see if we can recruit others and put out a call to action.

16. Program Sharing

- a. Michelle did a trashion show with wrapping paper and ribbons from the holidays
 - i. [Photos](#)
 - ii. This event was for all ages.
- b. Nicole ran life size candyland for 3 days in their meeting space- advertised for kids but a lot of teens were interested
 - i. Brittany also ran a life sized Candyland in the children's room of her library for a few hours.
 - ii. Baker free library will lend leftover supplies to interested libraries.
 - 1. Nicole is also happy to loan out what they created to libraries too.
 - iii. Nicole will send pictures and Brittany will send out her plan to YALS email list.
- c. Kim is doing a Murder Mystery Masquerade.
 - i. Used [Masters of Mystery](#).
 - ii. Did registration, needed a minimum of 8 people, got 20 to register.
- d. Chandra has leftover books from publishers from Flume/Isinglass Awards.
 - i. Send her an email if you want any.
- e. Ashlee went into middle and high schools and did a survey for teens about what they know about and want from the library.
 - i. Over 400 teens responded.
 - ii. Ashlee will share the survey.
- f. Maryjo looking for presenters for the finale or kickoff of summer reading
 - i. If anyone has recommendations please send them her way.
- g. Goffstown Library had [Magic Fred](#).
- h. Traveling petting farms are popular with teens.
- i. [Peter Boie](#) is a favorite magician.
- j. Nikki is having [The Poop Museum](#) come in April
 - i. Portsmouth has them too and it was wildly popular

17. Closing

- a. Nicole adjourned the meeting at 10:57 am

Appendix 1: Bylaws Revision

YALS Bylaws

Article I. Name

This organization shall be known as The Young Adult Library Services of New Hampshire, hereafter known as YALS.

Article II. Affiliation

YALS shall be a section within the New Hampshire Library Association, hereafter

known as NHLA. **Article III. Objective**

It shall be the objective of this organization to support and promote library services for young adults throughout the state. The foundation of YALS meetings is the free exchange of ideas with an optimistic and can-do attitude.

Article IV. Membership

Anyone who is a member of NHLA can become a member of YALS upon payment of dues as assessed by the YALS Executive Board. Each member shall have one vote.

Article V. Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of President, Vice-President/President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past-President, Teen Awards Chair, Media Chair **/Website Manager, and YALS-CLNH Liaison.**

Section 2. Officers shall be elected from the general membership of YALS at its fall meeting. New officers shall assume their duties on January 1st of the following year.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall be empowered to transact any business as shall be necessary between membership meetings.

Section 4. If any member of the Board cannot serve after being elected, the President may

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appoint a member in good standing to serve in that capacity until the next meeting. At the time a special election will be held. Members will be notified of the special election in advance.

Section 5. A majority of the voting board (4) shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI. Committees and Delegates

Section 1. Standing committees may include but are not limited to:

Teen Book Awards Committee

Outstanding Teen Services Award Committee

Programming Committee

Conference Committee

Section 2. Delegates may include but are not limited to:

New England Round Table of Teen and Children's Librarians (NERTCL)

New Hampshire Educational Media Association (NHEMA)

Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)

Section 3. Committee chairs and delegates shall report at Executive Board meetings. Each committee shall plan and execute its activities with the approval of the Board.

Article VII. Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings, and shall be responsible for sending a YALS delegate to full Board meetings of NHLA. The President shall present a written report at the NHLA Annual meeting. The president serves a one-year term, to be followed by a term as

Immediate Past-President.

Section 2. The Vice-President/President-Elect shall assist the President, and in the event of
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absence, shall assume the duties of the President. The Vice-President/President-Elect is responsible for planning and executing the annual conference. The Vice-President/President-Elect serves a one-year term, to be followed by a term as President.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep all minutes of membership and Board meetings and shall conduct correspondence. The Secretary serves a two-year term.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall submit all YALS funding according to the NHLA Treasury procedures, and shall submit requests for disbursements and reimbursements in the same manner. This person will submit a YALS Treasury report at each YALS meeting. The Treasurer serves a three-year term.

Section 5. The Immediate Past-President shall nominate a slate of officers at the fall membership meeting and preside over the Outstanding Teen Services Award Committee. The Immediate Past-President serves a one-year term.

Section 6. The Teen Awards Chair will oversee the Flume and Isinglass Awards. The Teen Awards Chair serves a two-year term.

Section 7. The Media Chair/**Website Manager shall** keep the membership informed through social media channels and maintain the YALS website. The Media Chair/**Website Manager** serves a two-year term.

Section 8. The YALS-CLNH Liaison (hereinafter Liaison) shall serve as a member of the Executive Boards for both YALS and Children's Librarians of New Hampshire (CLNH). The Liaison shall attend meetings of both Executive Boards and share relevant information across the Boards. This includes but is not limited to conference information, book award nominations, and any other plans that may impact the other Section or any Committee thereof. The Liaison shall be elected jointly, on a separate ballot, by the memberships of YALS and CLNH. The Liaison serves a three-year term.

Article VIII. Meetings

Section 1. The YALS membership will meet annually at the fall conference. Workshops and

other group activities may be held at any time. The Executive Board shall meet as needed, and these meetings are open to the membership. Committees may meet as necessary to accomplish their goals.

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Section 2. A Quorum for the transaction of business at the YALS annual meeting shall be 10% of the current membership. A quorum for the transaction of business at YALS executive board meetings shall be four of the **eight** elected board members.

Section 3. YALS members may submit any recommendations for nominations for the YALS Executive Board to the Immediate Past President for consideration prior to the Fall YALS meeting.

Article IX. Bylaw Changes

Changes to these Bylaws may be made at a YALS meeting by an affirmative vote of two thirds of members present. Members must be notified of proposed changes prior to the meeting.

Article X. Dissolution

YALS may be voluntarily dissolved upon an affirmative vote of two thirds of its members. Immediately upon dissolution, all YALS funds in custody of NHLA shall be put into the NHLA general fund. Voting shall take place at a YALS meeting.

Adopted April 24, 2008

Last amended _____