Next meeting: Thursday, January 25, 2007 at the Derry Public Library

News from the State Library (Ann):
The NHLC Annual Conference (a combination of NHLA and NEMA) will be held 5/17/07-5/18/07.

Discussions are being held with Robin Brenner from No Flying No Tights, the graphic novel website, about doing a program at this conference. Topics YALS members would like to see covered are: how to tell the age appropriateness of graphic novels for teens in grades 6-12 and how to evaluate graphic novels.

There is also a possibility of a program on copyright laws as related to libraries. It was also mentioned that a program on Myspace issues would be appropriate.

Nancy will be creating a bookmark to promote YALS that will be distributed at this conference. The bookmark will include highlights of YALS and our website using the web address of CHILIS.

The Flume Award is now accepting nominations for the 2008 award until 12/31/06. Beth, from Pelham High School, is creating a blog for librarians to discuss titles as they get nominated. School and public librarians should be encouraging teens to be reading the 2007 nominations so they can vote in the spring. The Flume logo artwork is being made into a small poster that will be sold to school and public libraries.

Gail from Keene discussed their project center for young adults. They keep a homework cart with all different supplies for projects such as glue, scissors, paper, etc. They also get calculators donated to include with the cart.

Teen Read Week 2006: Get Active @ Your Library
Librarians reviewed programs they did during this week and what worked and didn't work. Programs that were mentioned included, DDR, book discussions, belly dancing, a party with a hip hop dance class, murder mystery program.

Books Brought For Review
What Happened to Cass McBride by Gale Giles
Firestorm Trilogy by Klass
A series of books called the "SAT novels" was discussed both the pros and cons of this style of book.
YA Galley Project
Gail discussed her experience with this YALSA sponsored program and encouraged others to participate with their library.

Topics for the Next Meeting:
Teen Tech Week