

Young Adult Library Services (YALS) Annual Report to NHLA
November 2011

YALS officers for 2010-2011 were: Amy Friedman, Hudson (President), Sharon Taylor, Greenland (Vice President), Alex Estabrook, Merrimack (Treasurer), Kate Norton, Manchester (Secretary), and Lisa Houde, Rye (Past President)

The YALS officers for 2011-2012 are Letty Goerner, Henniker, (President), Kirsten Corbett, Hampton (Vice-President), Alex Estabrook, Merrimack (Treasurer), Kate Norton, Manchester (Secretary),. Amy Friedman, Hudson (Past President)

There are currently 50 YALS Members

YALS planned a number of programs for the NHLA conference in May including presentations on the nominees for the Flume: NH Teen Reader's Choice Award and Isinglass Awards, Internet Safety & Youth Today, Including and Serving Patrons with Autism and Asberger's (with CHILIS), Teen Volunteers in the Library, and a Teen Programming Roundtable.

There are two book awards chosen by young adults in NH. The Isinglass award for middle school readers and the Flume Award for high school readers. The 2011 Isinglass award went to "The Maze Runner" by James Dashner and the 2011 Flume award went to "Paper Towns" by John Green.

The Young Adult summer reading theme from the Collaborative Summer Library Program was World Culture/Travel and the YA slogan was "Your are Here".

The first YALS mini-conference was held on September 29 at the Lane Library in Hampton. Guest presenters were Beth Gallaway from the Haverhill, MA Public Library, who spoke about teen book discussion books and Bobbi Slossar from the State Library who talked about teens and technology specifically how to deal with mobile devices (iPods, cell phones, etc), how to integrate technology into library service, how to promote programs with technology, pros and cons of various devices including cost and promoting Ereaders. Author Jo Knowles was the luncheon speaker. There was a YALS business meeting in the afternoon. Fifty Five people attended the conference.

Submitted: Amy Friedman, YALS President 2010-2011

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