

YALS Annual Report 2015

The YALS officers for 2014-2015 were:

President: Barb Ballou, New Boston
Vice President: Gail Zachariah, Keene
Treasurer: Donna Hynes, Rochester
Secretary: Liz Gotauco, Merrimack
Past President: Sylvie Brikiatis, Windham

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Incoming officers will be determined at the November YALS meeting.

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 2015 Isinglass Award went to Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Kratz.
The 2015 Spring Flume Award went to Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell.

The Flume Award Nomination/Voting/ schedule was updated beginning summer of 2015. In 2015, there will be a Spring winner and a Fall winner. The Fall winner will be announced at the Meet and Greet session hosted by YALS and the Advocacy committee at the NELA/NHLA joint Conference, October 25 - 27. 2015 will be the only year with two Flume voting periods as we transition to a new timeline.

The Young Adult summer reading theme from the Collaborative Summer Library Program was "Unmask."

There were 94 members of YALS as of October.

Instead of a Fall conference this year, we held a Spring Conference on May 7th @ Plaistow Public Library. Highlights included:

- "Cool Technology for Readers" presented by Nancy Keane, Library Media Specialist at Rundlett Middle School
- Flume Booktalks presented by Kirsten Corbett, Director of Sandown Public Library and Lisa Houde, Youth Services Director at Rye Public Library
- "Grant Funding Tips" presented by Ellen Koenig of Full Circle Consulting

Our Luncheon speaker was Nancy Werlin, author of nine YA novels.

Submitted by:
Barbara Ballou, President YALS 2014-2015