

YALS 2017 President's Report

This year brought some fun experiences for YALS. We acquired the Isinglass award from Chilis and have been working on streamlining the Flume and Isinglass awards to be on the same timelines. We have combined the committees, while keeping the awards separate. Each award has a chair for the committee. We are encouraging year round, teen driven nominations. Voting on the new list will take place in the spring, as well as voting on the current winner. Each list will have 10 books and both awards have the same copyright rules and criteria for nominations. YALS helped to promote teen services by continuing to offer quality programming at both the NHLA Spring Conference and the YALS Fall Conference. The panels YALS members provided were: Taking Dewey Out of the Library, YA Smackdown, Flume and Isinglass Award Talk, YA Summer Reading and Relationship building between schools and libraries. The fall conference included a lunch presentation by author Lisa Bunker and panels/community discussions on safe spaces, social media for teens and teen mental health.

The YALS Board would like to thank all our members who donated their time and talents to help make our 2017 YALS programming and committees such a success.