

Candidates for Chair-Elect

The section was very pleased to have to very qualified candidates step forward to run for this position. They are Kristi Hansen, Youth Services Coordinator for the Salina Public Library in Salina, KS and Tricia Suellentrop, Young Adult Librarian, of the Johnson County Library, of Kansas City, Kansas. Candidate platforms have been submitted to Mike Mullin, the MPLA Nominating Committee Co-chair.

2002 Conference

The following programs have been selected for presentation at the 2002 annual conference:

Program Title: "I Can't Possibly Read Another Book - OR Life on an ALA Book Committee". Program presenters: Donna Gilliland, Jean Hatfield, Gene Nelson

Program description: Speakers will describe their experiences serving on an ALA Book committee. If time permits, they might also do a few brief booktalks on some of the books they helped select.

Program title: Get Graphic: Collection Development and Programming with Graphic Novels. Program presenter: Amelia Shelley

Program description: Jump into the hottest trend in YA Services. Graphic novels appeal to a wide range of teens from reluctant readers to fanboys, find out how to introduce them in your library. Includes Japanese manga and comic books.

Program title: Art for Kids! Program presenter: Kathy McClellan

Program description: Kathy will present the Art for Kids program her library system did in connection with a local Arts and Humanities Association. Includes hands-on activities (creative dramatics, storytelling, painting). The focus of Art for Kids is on the PROCESS, not the product, AND emphasizes activities that foster creativity and imagination.

Additional section activities:

A Summer Reading Program Idea Exchange table talk will be presented by section chair-elect Donna Norvell, and a section business meeting will be held on Friday, Oct. 4, 7:30 AM. The section is also co-sponsoring guest speaker Rosemary Honnold on Young Adult Programming with NDLA.

Board Choice Award

The section's Board Choice Award went to **Shari Haskins** of the Fremont County Library System of Lander, WY. Shari is the Adult/YA Service Librarian at the Lander Branch Library and Chair-elect of the Children's/Young Adult Section of the Wyoming Library Association. Shari has been a real innovator at Fremont County. Along with establishing a Young Adult program for the library, she has found creative ways to appeal to teens in her area such as gas coupons for summer reading incentives and a youth volunteer program.

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