



# Children and Young Adult Services (CAYAS) Newsletter

Fall 2015

## • Welcome from the Chair .....

My name is Rosalie Olds and I've just started as CAYAS Board Chair. I interned as a children's librarian many years ago at Federal Way Regional Library and then worked for sixteen years as a teen services librarian at Fairwood Library for King County Library System. Providing excellent service to children and teens has been an important part of my work in libraries. I'm very excited about what we're planning for the coming year.

Shelley Mastalerz will be running a panel on serving at risk youth for the WALE conference this fall. This is similar to the panel she put together for the Spring Workshop in May. If you've done work with at risk youth and might be interested in being part of this panel let us know.

Jessica Lucas is planning our fall workshop and looking at several possible topics. Check out a survey she'll be sending out and included in this newsletter to let us know what you might be interested in. We're particularly interested in how best to serve library workers in Eastern Washington. Some options we're considering are webinars, more convenient cities, and different types of topics.

Some exciting things are also planned for next spring's conference in Spokane. Kelly Milner Halls, well-known for her excellent and prolific nonfiction writing for children and teens, will be speaking at our CAYAS breakfast. We'll also have our traditional Booktalking the Best from iSchool students. Jessica Lucas and Erin Moehring will be offering a workshop on service learning which focuses on empowering teens through connections in our community. Another member of our board, Conan McLemore, will offer a workshop on doing music programming with tweens and teens.

This should be a very exciting year and we're looking forward to hearing from you, our members, on what types of workshops and trainings your looking for. In fact we'll be doing several surveys this year and results will be in our newsletters. The more you're involved and giving us your input the better we can serve you.

*Rosalie Olds*  
CAYAS Board Chair

● **The Annual CAYAS Breakfast is Not to be Missed** .....

*by Emily Dagg — Manager of Youth Services, Everett Public Library*

I consider the annual CAYAS Breakfast to be a necessary splurge when attending WLA. This year, when I learned that the 2015 keynote speaker was going to be local YA author Justina Chen, I also purchased a guest ticket for my mother, a retired librarian. We were not disappointed.

The lineup of speakers prior to the keynote was equally impressive. Jessica Lucas is currently a Teen services librarian at the Northeast Branch of the Seattle Public Library. As chair of the CAYAS Award for Visionary Library Service to Youth selection committee, Jessica gave a heartfelt tribute to this year's award recipient, Jerene Battisti.

Jerene was visibly moved by the honor of being selected for this award. For decades, she's been a tireless advocate for teen library services and young adult literature. Her lively booktalking skills are legendary, and her sessions at local and national conferences are always very popular. Jerene served as a children's and young adult librarian for the Renton Public Library for many years, before becoming the current Education and Teen Services coordinator for the King County Library system.



Author Justina Chen leads attendees through a power pose. (Photo: Craig Seasholes)

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## • The Annual CAYAS Breakfast is Not to be Missed .....

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Local, award-winning Young Adult fiction author, Justina Chen delivered the poignant keynote address. Her fiction titles include *Nothing but the Truth (and a few white lies)*, *Girl Overboard*, and *North of Beautiful*. Many of her books are set in the Pacific Northwest. Justina recently published an adult non-fiction book for women, to help them get through the first 30 days of becoming suddenly single. Her own spouse unexpectedly left her and their two kids shortly after they moved the family to Shanghai. The legal, financial, and logistical challenges were overwhelming on top of the emotional aspects. So, she wrote a book about it: *What Now: Survival Guide for the Blindsided and Brokenhearted*.



CAYAS Visionary Award winner Jerene Battisti and author Justina Chen.

The CAYAS breakfast also provides a welcome opportunity to connect with other YS librarians from around the state, many of whom are only in the same room with each other about once a year. This networking and informal support system is valuable for any youth services librarian, but especially for librarians who might be the only youth services specialist in their library. If you haven't attended the CAYAS breakfast before, be sure not to miss it at WLA in Spokane at the historic Davenport Hotel.

## • Fall Workshop Survey .....

Help plan your fall CAYAS workshop experience. Fill out this survey by Sunday, August 30 to determine preferred locations, topics and workshop organization.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1A5rMexRFcJSBIUwpXNmUwBBkW46Tiy6lSsVXWxXQFJk/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1A5rMexRFcJSBIUwpXNmUwBBkW46Tiy6lSsVXWxXQFJk/viewform?usp=send_form)

## • Evergreen Teen Book Award .....

The Washington Young Adult Review Group (WashYARG) is excited to announce *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green as the winner of the 2015 Evergreen Teen Book Award. Several other titles received a fair share of votes, but *The Fault in Our Stars* was the clear favorite of Washington teens.



The 2016 Top Ten is:

- ◇ *The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi* by Neil Bascomb
- ◇ *The Testing* By Joelle Charbonneau
- ◇ *Swagger* by Carl Deuker
- ◇ *Jumped In* by Patrick Flores-Scott
- ◇ *Dogs of War* by Sheila Keenan
- ◇ *Eleanor and Park* by Rainbow Rowell
- ◇ *Steelheart* by Brandon Sanderson
- ◇ *Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong* by Prudence Shen and Faith Erin Hicks
- ◇ *Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- ◇ *The 5th Wave* by Rick Yancey

Book talks for these titles are available at <http://www.evergreenbookaward.org/2016-nominees>. The voting deadline is April 1, 2016.

Librarians are invited to submit 2014 titles for consideration for the 2017 Award: [Click here to submit your recommendation.](#)

● **Serving Youth At-Risk in Libraries** .....

by Shelley Mastalerz — CAYAS Board Member

Twelve people participated in this year's CAYAS Spring Workshop, which took place on Thursday, May 28, and focused on serving youth at-risk in libraries. The Mockingbird Society presented the first half of the workshop. This organization's mission is to improve the foster care system as well as end youth homelessness. They are based in Seattle, but it also has chapters across the state including Spokane, Yakima, Everett, Tacoma and Olympia.

The community training, Stories of Youth Homelessness, is presented and facilitated by youth who have experienced homelessness in hopes of answering some questions surrounding why young people become homeless and raise awareness of the issues that youth experiencing homelessness face. Near the end of the two-hour training participants worked together in brainstorming potential library services and programs that could engage and support youth experiencing homelessness.

The second half of the workshop contained a panel of nine professionals who work with youth at-risk in King County, representing eight different organizations: Teen Feed, Safe Place, YouthSource, Seattle Education Access, Youth Eastside Services (BGLAD), FareStart (Youth Barista Program), Youth Service Center, and the Multi-Service Center. Panelists talked a bit about their work and the youth they serve, successful partnerships that they have developed (including partnerships with libraries), and suggestions for library staff members on how to create inviting environments and programming for youth. The panel wrapped up with a brief chance for questions from the participants. Highly recommended!

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● **Local Events** .....

The 2015 **[Washington Library Media Association \(WLMA\) Conference](#)** takes place Thursday, October 15–Saturday, October 17 in Yakima, WA. Early bird rate available until Sept. 24.

<http://www.wla.org/wlma-conference-2015>

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## Local Events

The 2015 **Washington Library Employees (WALE) Conference** takes place October 26–28 in Lake Chelan, WA.

<http://www.wla.org/wale-conference-2015>

YALSA's **Young Adult Services Symposium** takes place November 6–8 in Portland, Oregon with a theme of: Bringing it All Together: Connecting Libraries, Teens and Communities. Early Bird Rate available until September 15.

\$199 YALSA Member/\$249 ALA Member/\$310 Nonmembers/\$59 Students

### *Preconferences*

Building Sustainable Partnerships, Friday Nov. 6, 9am–Noon, \$79

Facilitating Connected Learning in Libraries, Friday, Nov. 6, 1:30–4:30pm, \$79

Graphic Novels, Friday, Nov. 6, 1:30–4:30pm, \$79

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/yasymposium>

Want to share news, a success story, or an upcoming event in the next issue? Email newsletter editor Whitney Winn at [wwinn@kcls.org](mailto:wwinn@kcls.org).

### *Upcoming issues:*

- ◇ November 15, 2015
- ◇ February 15, 2016
- ◇ May 15, 2016
- ◇ August 15, 2016



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