



Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of NCTE

It's September. This month we have ALAN Workshop news, events hosted by the Mentorship Committee, new ALAN Picks and upcoming submission deadlines. Have a great September!

## ALAN Workshop News



Tiffany D. Jackson is the ALAN breakfast keynote speaker! The ALAN breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023. Register for breakfast tickets through the [NCTE registration portal](#).

A. S. King is our 2023 ALAN Award winner! She will be providing remarks at the ALAN Breakfast.

Want to know more about attending the ALAN Workshop and our events at NCTE? Read our [Know Before You Go](#) document to learn more.

[Workshop  
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## Mentorship Events

### Call for ALAN Roundtable Session Proposal

The ALAN Mentorship Committee co-chairs would like to invite you to propose a roundtable for our first ALAN Roundtable session at NCTE! The ALAN-Sponsored session at NCTE will feature roundtable conversations related to the teaching of young adult literature (YAL) in middle grades and secondary classrooms (4/5-12th grade) and current conversations in the field of YAL. Roundtable topics may include

(but are not limited to) navigating censorship, pairing YAL titles with canonical texts, securing funding to purchase YAL novels, creating place-based units, and workshopping popular YAL texts. If you are interested in being part of this roundtable session, please fill out [this Google Form](#) by 11:59pm MT Wednesday, Sept. 20. Questions? Email Andrea and naitnaphit at [alanmentorshipcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:alanmentorshipcommittee@gmail.com)

## Connect with ALAN Members

The ALAN Mentorship Committee would like to offer attendees who are new to ALAN and/or an in-person Workshop an opportunity to connect with members who have attended previous Workshops. These pairings will provide newer attendees with a go-to person for questions they have prior to and during the Workshop and an opportunity to build community and connections among ALAN members. If you are a newer attendee who would like to be connected with a more experienced conference attendee or you've been to ALAN a time or two (or more!) and would like to support a newcomer, fill out this [Google Form](#) by Mon. Nov., 13th (but sooner if you know you would like to participate!).

## YA Lit Party!

Share your ideas and questions about YA (young adult) Lit Party!  
Thursday, Oct 05, 2023  
4p PT/5p MT/6p CT/7p ET

Are you reading Young Adult Lit (YA) with students or thinking about it for the 2023-2024 school year? Have you done it already? If so, you're invited to an online idea and question sharing party on Thursday, October 05, 2023 at 4p PT/5p MT/6p CT/7p ET, hosted by ALAN's Mentorship Committee.

During the party, attendees will be grouped in trios to work with other teachers from around the country. In the first round of groups, attendees will share an idea about how they're using YAL in their classrooms. This could be a particular way you're doing book clubs, or a new way you've helped students select books to read. Then, in a second round of groups, attendees will be given the opportunity to ask a question about using YAL in their classrooms; groupmates will brainstorm ways to address their groupmates' questions. This could be a question about helping students find books or navigating institutional constraints. After time in groups, attendees will briefly share what they want to try in their own classrooms and voice lingering questions.

Please [register here](#) for the event or let us know to keep you on our listserv!

## ALAN Picks



## Kick off the School Year by Checking Out ALAN Picks for Recommendations and Curriculum Ideas!

Looking to infuse your curriculum and classroom library bookshelves with some fresh new diverse YA & MG Lit energy? Need some good book recommendations for your courses? Check out the ALAN Picks column for ideas on how to use Young Adult and Middle Grade literature with students. This September's ALAN Picks will feature both Middle Grade and Young Adult titles as well as an exclusive author interview with Kelis Rowe, author of *Finding Jupiter*. Be on the lookout for it Sept. 18, 2023!

### Write a Review for ALAN Picks

Interested in writing a book review for ALAN Picks? Email ALAN Picks editor, Richetta Tooley at [richetta.tooley@gmail.com](mailto:richetta.tooley@gmail.com) with the book title you are interested in reviewing. You can find submission guidelines on the ALAN Picks page and check out examples of previous titles featured.

ALAN Picks on [alan-ya.org](http://alan-ya.org)

## Upcoming Submission Deadlines

### The ALAN Foundation Grant is Due October 1, 2023

Members of ALAN may apply to the ALAN Foundation for funding (up to \$1,500) for research in young adult literature. Proposals are reviewed by the five most recent presidents of ALAN. Awards are made annually in the fall and are announced at the ALAN breakfast during the NCTE convention in November.

Grant Information

### ALAN Review Submissions due November 1, 2023

Place and Space in Young Adult Literature

Volume 51, Issue 3 (Summer 2024)

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