



Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of NCTE

Happy New Year, ALAN. In the first newsletter of 2025, we have ALAN officer announcements, the 2024 Interest Survey, the Mentorship Webinar and more.

### Upcoming Dates

- **January 31:** ALAN Interest Survey Due
- **February 13:** ALAN Mentorship Committee Webinar



The theme for the 2025 ALAN Workshop, November 24-25, is "The Legacy of YA," which aims to inspire reflection on over 50 years of ALAN while also considering our present and our "liberatory futures." Where will we take YA in the next fifty years? Will we pass on a legacy of resisting efforts to hamper an adolescent's right to read? Will we perpetuate a legacy of inclusivity, antiracism, and antibias? For the 2025 ALAN Workshop, we are seeking poster presentations on any topic related to adolescent literature connected to this year's theme. For more information about the workshop theme, "The Legacy of YA," and about submitting a poster session, click the link below.

[Workshop Information](#)

## ALAN Officers

Our newest ALAN officers were announced at the ALAN Breakfast in Boston, and we're happy to congratulate them once again.

Congratulations to President-Elect Sybil Durand and our new Board Members David Bowles, Terri Suico, and Andrea Glaws!



**President-Elect**  
Sybil Durand



**Board Member**  
David Bowles



**Board Member**  
Terri Sudio



**Board Member**  
Andrea Glaws

## Interest Survey

The 2024 ALAN Feedback and Interest survey is closing soon, and we want to hear from you. Please consider filling out our survey using the link below if you haven't already. The survey closes Friday, January 31, 2025.

**Interest  
Survey**

## ALAN Mentorship Updates

When? - Thursday, February 13, 2025

What time? - 4PT/5MT/6CT/7ET

How long? - 1.5 hours

Registration form: <https://forms.gle/vi9BvCfimGHiVH459>

Join us for a free webinar sponsored by the ALAN Mentorship Committee to learn with and from other teachers, librarians, and teacher educators on how to incorporate middle grades (MG) and young adult literature (YAL) into school spaces and classrooms. The event will also include a guest author to speak about and respond to questions and concerns about censorship. Please fill out [the registration form](#) so that we can send you the event link and tailor the webinar to your needs.

## #ALANReads Book Club

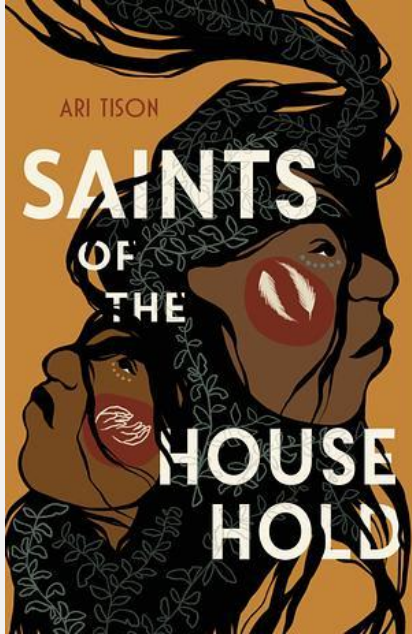
In 2025, the #ALANReads Book Club will be reading the 2024 Walden Award Finalists, beginning with *Saints of the Household* by Ari Tison in March.

Stay tuned for more specific dates.

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### 2025 #ALANReads Book Club Books

- *Saints of the Household* by Ari Tison
- *Invisible Son* by Kim Johnson
- *An Appetite for Miracles* by Laeken Zea Kemp
- *The Immeasurable Depth of You* by Maria Ingrande Mora
- *The Next New Syrian Girl* by Ream Shukairy

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