



## Privacy Statement

Thank you for visiting the YALSA Blog website and reviewing our privacy statement. YALSA is committed to protecting the privacy of our members, users, customers, and other contacts. Our privacy policy is clear: We will collect no personal information about you when you visit our website unless you choose to provide that information to us.

Any information you choose to provide on the website will only be used to provide or improve services. YALSA guards your privacy and appreciates your trust.

You may inform us of your communication preferences at any time by visiting our online [Communications Preferences](#) page.

### **E-mails and Web Forms**

Personally identifying information that you provide by e-mails or web forms will be used only for such purposes as are described at the point of collection (for example on a web form), such as to send information or products to you, update your membership record, or to respond to your questions or comments. If you provide contact information, YALSA staff or its contractors may contact you to clarify your comment or question, or to learn about your level of customer satisfaction with our services.

YALSA recommends that you do not submit or post any personally identifiable information when posting to the YALSA Blog website. Only use your first name or screen name when communicating on the YALSA Blog website.

### **Children**

The YALSA Blog website is not directed to children under the age of 13. The YALSA Blog website prohibits registration by, and the YALSA Blog website does not knowingly collect personally identifiable information from, anyone under 13.

Note to Parents. If you have any concerns about the YALSA Blog website or your child has provided us with personally identifiable information, please contact us at \_\_\_\_\_ . YALSA encourages parents to spend time online with their children. We also urge parents to instruct their children never to give out their real names, addresses or phone numbers without parental permission when using the Internet.

## **Information Collected and Stored Automatically**

During your visit as you browse through the web site, read pages, or download information, we will automatically gather and store certain information about your visit but not about you. This information does not identify you personally.

We use this information to help us make our site more useful to visitors and to learn about the number of visitors to our site and the types of technology our visitors use. The data that are collected are not connected to your personal information or identity.

## **Cookies**

A cookie is a small file stored on the site user's computer or Web server and is used to aid Web navigation. Session cookies are temporary files created when a user signs in on the Web site or uses the personalized features. Session cookies are removed when a user logs off. Persistent cookies are permanent files and must be deleted manually. The only persistent cookie used on the ala.org site is created when a user asks to save the user name and password to prevent the need to sign in for each visit. Tracking or other information collected from this persistent cookie or any session cookie is used strictly for the user's efficient navigation of the site.

## **Links to Other Sites**

This Website contains links to other sites. YALSA is not responsible for the privacy practices of other sites, which may be different from the privacy practices described in this policy. We encourage you to become familiar with privacy practices of other sites you visit, including linked sites.

## **Security**

For site security purposes and to ensure that this service remains available to all users, YALSA uses software programs to monitor network traffic to identify unauthorized attempts to upload or change information or otherwise cause damage.

Unauthorized attempts to upload information or change information on this service are strictly prohibited and may be punishable under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986 and 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001 and 1030. Information also may be used for authorized law enforcement investigations. Except for the above purposes, no other attempts are made to identify individual users or their usage habits.

## **Revisions**

We reserve the right to change or modify this privacy statement at any time. If we revise our privacy statement, we will post those changes on the home page and other places so you are always aware of what information we collect, how we use it, and under what circumstances, if any, we disclose it.

The term "members and customers" as used in this statement includes YALSA members, customers, users, or any individual or organization having contact or conducting

transactions with YALSA. Also see the American Library Association's Web page on privacy resources.