
About the Trainers

Anthony Bernier, Ph.D., has been a teen specialist for eleven years and authored the original “spatial diagnoses,” service plan, and design for Los Angeles Public Library’s TeenS’cape from 1994 to 1996. He has conducted spatial diagnoses in libraries in California and other states and has written and spoken on young adult library space issues since the mid-1990s. He is currently Director of Teen Services at Oakland Public Library.

He has made numerous presentations at libraries, graduate schools and library schools and has spoken at American Library Association and California Library Association conferences. His articles have appeared in numerous publications, including *American Libraries*, the *California State Library Foundation Bulletin*, and *Voice of Youth Advocates*. Dr. Bernier is a member of the American Library Association, YALSA, the Organization of American Historians, and California Library Association.

Dr. Bernier received his B.A. and M.L.I.S. from the University of California, Berkeley and his M.A. in History from the University of California, Irvine. He completed his doctoral dissertation on “public space” last year and was awarded a Ph.D. in history from the University of California, Irvine in 2002. He is currently completing the first edited volume on design YA spaces in public libraries.

Michael Cart is former director of the Beverly Hills (CA) Public Library and a past president of the Young Adult Library Services Association. He is the recipient of the prestigious Grolier Foundation Award for his service in the stimulation and guidance of reading by young people. He has served on the Board of the Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of the National Council of Teachers of English (ALAN) and chaired the ALAN Award Committee. He also chaired the YALSA Task Force that created the Michael L. Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature.

A full-time author, lecturer and consultant, Cart teaches courses in young adult literature at UCLA and the history of children’s book illustration at Texas Woman’s University. His column, “Carte Blanche,” appears monthly in *ALA’s Booklist* magazine and his weekly author interview program, “In Print,” is broadcast nationally on the Dish Satellite Network. He authored and edited eleven books, most recently *Necessary Noise: Stories of Our Real Families* (forthcoming Spring 2003). Among his other titles are *911: The Book of Help, Love and Sex*, *Ten Stories of Truth*; the young adult novel *My Father’s Car*, and *From Romance to Realism*, a critical history of young adult literature.

Cart is also the founding editor of “Rush Hour,” a new literary magazine to be published by Random House for older young adult readers. It will debut in the spring of 2004.

Patrick Jones is a YA specialist, trainer, writer and consultant with nearly 20 years of library experience. He pioneered numerous award-winning youth programs and services while at Houston Public Library, including The Power Card Challenge program and ASPIRE (After School Programs Inspire Reading Enrichment) program. His library career also includes management and young adult librarian positions at Saint Agnes Academy Library (Houston), Tecumseh Branch of the Allen County Public Library (Fort Wayne, IN), Mayfield Regional Library (Cleveland OH), Springfield City Library (Springfield MA) and Chatham-Effington-Liberty Library (Savannah GA).

Known as an entertaining speaker, Jones has conducted hundreds of workshops for library staff on connecting young adults and libraries. He has conducted presentations for state libraries in California, Louisiana, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont and New South Wales, Australia. He has

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Jones has published dozens of articles and book chapters. He is the author of *Connecting Young Adults and Libraries: A How To Do It Manual* (Neal-Schuman, 1992 and 1998), *What's So Scary about R.L. Stine?* (Scarecrow Press, 1998), and *Moments of Truth: The Best Practices in Young Adult Customer Service in School and Public Libraries* (Neal-Schuman, 2001). He is active in the Young Adult Library Association, serving on their board of directors and chairing several committees and task forces.

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Monique le Conge is library director at Benicia Public Library and a consultant specializing in young adult services and library customer service. Her career has included service as a young adult librarian at Benicia Public Library, children's librarian and librarian at John F. Kennedy Library in Vallejo, the Fairfield-Suisun Library, and the Solano County Library.

She has been an instructor at San Jose State University's School of Library and Information Science and guest speaker at Solano Community College. Her consulting clients include Oakland Public Library, Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library, Fresno County Public Library, Kern County Library, the North State cooperative Library System and the California State Library.

Her affiliations include: the American Library Association; the Association for Library Service to Children (a division of ALA); the Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California; the California Library Association; the Library Administration and Management Association (a division of ALA); the Public Library Association; and the Young Adult Library Services Association (a division of ALA). She received her B.S. from the University of California, Davis and her M.L.I.S. from the University of California, Berkeley.

Stan Weisner, Ph.D., M.S.W., is program director for Behavioral and Health Sciences at the University of California, Berkeley-Extension. He develops and oversees curricula in Alcohol and Drug Studies, the award-winning Children and Changing Family Program, and the Executive Development in Human Services Training Program. Dr. Weisner has taught at the graduate and undergraduate level for several years at the School of Social Welfare at UC, Berkeley, and the School of Professional Studies at the University of San Francisco, as well as at other colleges and universities in the San Francisco Bay Area.

His career includes service as associate director of Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth in San Francisco and director of the Bay Area Youth at Risk Project. He wrote a book based on this youth at risk project entitled, *Information is Empowering: Developing Public Library Services for Youth at Risk*, published by the California State Library in 1992.

Dr. Weisner has worked overseas in several teaching and research roles and he has recently completed three consultancies on children, youth and family services in Beijing, China with UNICEF. He has conducted training in the children and youth services field and consulted with several local and national foundations. He currently serves on the Planning and Oversight Committee of the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth which allocates \$7 million each year for children and youth programs.

He received his M.S.W. from the University of Minnesota and his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley.