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**Fraser Receives YALSA/ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Service to Young Adults Achievement Award**

**Santa Barbara, Calif.** (March 4, 2016) – ABC-CLIO, an award-winning reference and scholarly nonfiction publisher, is pleased to recognize Betsy Fraser as the winner of the 2016 YALSA/ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Service to Young Adults Achievement Award.

Fraser was selected for this award for her long-term achievements and sustained service to YALSA and the young adult community. “My involvement with YALSA opened up the library field to me by allowing me to work with and learn from talented people on a wide variety of committees. This then let me use what I had learned in my system, and I continue to be informed by YALSA’s practices and strategic directions,” Fraser said. “I am honored to be considered among the recipients of this award.”

Currently a Selector with the Calgary Public Library, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Fraser has been an ALA member for over 23 years and a YALSA member for over 20 years. She has served on many ALA and YALSA committees including the Schneider Committee; ALA Website Advisory Committee; Chair of the YALSA Summer Reading Taskforce; the Morris Award Committee; YALSA President’s Program Taskforce; Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults Committee; Michael L. Printz Award Committee; YA Galley Committee; Best Books for Young Adults Committee; YALSA Teen Website Advisory Committee; YALSA Mentor; ALA Council Member; Youth Council Caucus; and Virtual Regional Advisory Board, International Member. In addition, she has served as the Chair of the Canadian Library Association Young Adult Book of the Year Award Committee and is the author of: *Reality Rules: A Guide to Teen Nonfiction Reading Interests* (Libraries Unlimited, 2008) and *Reality Rules II: A Guide to Teen Nonfiction Reading Interests* (Libraries Unlimited, 2012).

The YALSA/ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Service to Young Adults Achievement Award, given every other year, recognizes a YALSA member who has demonstrated unique and sustained devotion to young adult services through substantial work in several initiatives.

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