For immediate release

The 1979 Notable Children's Film List, selected by a committee of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) of the American Library Association, was released during ALA's Midwinter Meeting in Washington, D.C., January 7 - 12, 1979.

The list, issued annually, covers 16mm films released for library distribution in the calendar year two years prior to the list's publication (1977).

Films on the list are selected by the ALSC Film Evaluation Committee, consisting of children's librarians working in both school and public libraries. Films are selected, after viewing, on the basis of child appeal, but the committee also considers technical quality, subject content and possible utilization with different kinds of audiences. Films made for educational use are included if they are of excellent quality and have sufficient child appeal to transcend classroom use.

Twelve titles were named to the 1979 Notable Children's Films.
Charlie Needs a Cloak
Dragon over the Hill
The Flashettes
Fire!
I'll Find a Way
Lullaby
Metamorphosis
Mighty Moose and the Quarterback Kid
The Morning Spider
The Sand Castle
Spaceborne
The Ugly Little Boy

Weston Woods
Paramount Communications
New Day Films
Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corp.
The Media Guild
International Film Bureau
Texture Films
Time-Life Multimedia
Pyramid Films
National Film Board of Canada
Pyramid Films
Learning Corporation of America

The ALSC Film Evaluation Committee hopes that the list will promote
the use and purchase of exceptional children's films in libraries and
schools and will encourage the production of an increased number of
superior films for children.

The list will be available, in brochure form, with annotations,
from the Order Department, ALA, after April 15, 1979. Single copies
will be available, free, with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, from
the ALSC Office, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street,
Chicago, IL 60611. Quantity prices are 3-50 copies, 10% discount;
51-250, 20% discount; 251-1000, 30% discount; 1001-5000 copies, 40%
discount; 5001 +, 50% discount.

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The 1979 list will be published in the June issue of Top of the News, the quarterly journal of ALSC.

Nominations from filmmakers, film distributors, educators and libraries for the 1980 Notable List of Films released in 1979 may be addressed to: Dr. Mary Alice Hunt, School of Library Science, Florida State University, School of Library Science, Tallahassee, FL 32304.