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Over 3,000 librarians, publishers, educators and friends of the library are expected to come to Washington D.C. for the 1979 ALA Midwinter Meeting, January 7-12.

The meeting will be held in the Sheraton Park Hotel, The Shoreham Americana Hotel and the Washington Hilton Hotel. The major center for activity -- registration, placement services, exhibits, council meetings, and ALA staff offices, will be the Sheraton Park. A free shuttle bus will provide transportation between the three hotels.

There will be 1,400 meeting during Midwinter and 100 exhibits giving browsers the opportunity to sample a variety of goods and services from wholesale books to library security systems to information retrieval equipment. The exhibits will be displayed in Exhibition Hall 2 at the Sheraton Park.

The President's Program will be held Wednesday, January 10, at 8 p.m. Details are not yet available and will appear in the Midwinter Meeting Program.

One of the highlights of the Midwinter Meeting, the announcement of the winners of the Newbery and Caldecott awards for the most distinguished children's books published in 1978, will take place Thursday, January 11, in the afternoon. That same day will be announced the titles making the ALA's Notable Books, Notable Books for Children, and Best Books for Young

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Adult lists as well as the recipient of the Grolier Grant recognizing the best public relations programs submitted by a state library association.

ALA will provide a placement service during the conference in cooperation with the District of Columbia Department of Labor. The Placement Center will be located in Exhibition Hall 3. The Center's hours will be:

Monday: January 8, 12 - 4:40 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday: January 9 and 10, 9 - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 11, 9 - 2 p.m.

Advance registration forms must be received by December 29. Applications may be submitted at the meeting and information on registering for placement service prior to the Monday opening will be available at the ALA registration area.

The ALA voted at its Summer Conference last June not to hold the Midwinter Meeting in a state which has not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment. The location of the Midwinter Meeting was then moved to Washington D.C. in order that a major effort be made by the Association to encourage members of Congress to support the ERA Extension Resolution.