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Librarians and teachers throughout South Carolina are cooperating with Davis College, the College of Librarianship at the University of South Carolina, in hosting the 1979 May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture. Sheila Egoff, Canadian children's literature specialist, author, and lecturer, will be the featured speaker. The event is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, May 5, 1979, at the University.

Sheila Egoff, Professor in the School of Librarianship, University of British Columbia, is well-known for her contributions in many areas of children's literature. Author of The Republic of Childhood: A Critical Guide to Canadian Children's Literature in English (Oxford University Press), she co-edited and contributed to Only Connect: Readings in Children's Literature. A fellow of the British Library Association, Ms. Egoff coordinated the first Pacific Rim Children's Literature Conference in 1977, and has served on the Hans Christian Andersen Jury of the International Board on Books for Young People. She is currently at work on a critical study of children's literature, to be published by the American Library Association.

The lecture, established by Scott, Foresman & Company, pays tribute to May Hill Arbuthnot for her outstanding contributions to children's literature. The annual lecture series is presented by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association.

Free tickets for the May 5 lecture may be obtained after March 1, 1979, by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to W. Duane Johnson, Davis College, College of Librarianship, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina 29208.