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Lucille C. Thomas

Dear Lucille:

It was so good to talk with you the other night and hear about the strides you have made with School Library Media Month. I really appreciate your getting the President's proclamation signed during my term. I count that as a great accomplishment for AASL and for the library media profession in general.

I also want to thank you again for saying you will do the chapter in the 1987 volume of School Library Media Annual. We want people to be much more aware of the importance of School Library Media Month and what people all over the nation are doing to celebrate this event. Please let us know if we can help you in any way as you develop this chapter.

Now for the charge from the joint committee on "Alliance for Excellence." It appears to me that this committee should initially look at the report prepared by AASL/ALSC/YASD Task Force on "Alliance for Excellence" (Phase 1) enclosed with this letter to determine if you think their recommendations for future directions are still valid. After this determination has been made, a specific plan with a time line should be developed to carry out recommendations that are appropriate for the three divisions to work on jointly. I hope that you will be prepared to give a progress report at the joint executive committee meeting of the three divisions on Friday night, June 27th (8-10pm).

I will talk with Ann Weeks tomorrow morning about asking Evelyn to get someone from YASD in the New York area appointed immediately. Hopefully you will receive the name within the next week.

Thanks again for taking on this tremendous responsibility. I have faith that under your leadership, the AE recommendations will assume a new importance in contributing to the improvement of library services for children and youth.

My best,

Shirley L. Aaron
President