THOMAS A. FORTE

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Dear Mrs. Sutherland;

Thank you for your note and for asking about my thoughts on the Newbery Dinner.

The high point for me at the ALA Convention is the Newbery Dinner...a time when we celebrate good books with a dress up affair.

bery Dinner Committee that the banquet is a money maker. I also know that the children's librarians in the Chicago area like to work on this committee as hostesses and be a part of the conference that way. The dinner also is our special get-to-gether when non-ALSC members see what we can do. It's popular, it's festive and I'm all for it...even though I too am on a beginner's budget like the younger members.

Good luck in your decision making regarding the Newbery Dinner.

Sincerely,
Helen Jacob
Children's librarian

P.S. Isabel is definitely a fan of yours.