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Mrs. Zena Sutherland
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Dear Zena,

Instead of the Newbery-Caldecott dinner as it's presently handled, I'd prefer seeing ALSC do something along the lines of the National Book Awards: a late afternoon presentation ceremony, with speeches, in an auditorium or ballroom, open free-of-charge to any and all who wanted to attend. This might take place from 4:00 to 5:00 and be followed by a reception and cocktail party at which hors d'oeuvres would be served from, say, 5:30 to 7:30.

The tab for the reception would probably have to be fairly steep, as it is for NBA, but it would give people the opportunity to see the winners and chat with friends in a pleasant environment, and I'm sure many would be interested in purchasing a ticket and attending.

I'll be interested in hearing what ideas people have for other alternative celebrations. See you in Dallas!

Best,



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Editor-in-Chief

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cc: Suzanne M. Glazer