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Mrs. Zena Sutherland  
1100 East 57th Street  
Chicago, IL 60637

Dear Zena Sutherland:

Your letter concerning the Newbery-Caldecott Awards Dinner disappeared between this office and the Children's Literature Department. I hope I am answering some of the points you covered in the letter.

In discussing the matter with the children's room staff, we felt that it is time to re-evaluate the whole N-C Awards program. The tradition of the dinner has been colorful and exciting; however, costs have risen so much that few of the younger librarians can afford to attend. And we feel sure that costs for the publishers must be very high.

We feel that the occasion for the winning author and artist should be festive. Perhaps a reception only with simple refreshments, an opportunity for the winners to receive and acknowledge their awards, and then an opportunity to meet them informally. The speeches could be printed only.

Thank you for asking our opinion. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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