

May 29, 1979

Dear Zena,

I'm in Carlinville with my sister and have been writing thank you letters to various and sundry participants in our May Friends' events. Marianne Carus spoke at our first Community event sponsored by the Friends of Madison P.L. and the Madison Area Reading Council for the opening of the Cricket Art Exhibit at Madison P.L.; Christen Kragon wagon for the FCCBC second annual meeting; I stuck your letters into the folder, promising myself to write you - had intended to write when I read the ALSC newsletter note. There is, also, two pages of notes to go to Mildred Patchelder; I just found ^{them} in a notebook of a conference, Feb 15 1960 with her. It ends with "NC Banquet, Price of ticket \$7.50. Personal check \$7.88; Buy a Canadian bank draft payable at par to any bank in Toronto."

From \$7.50 to \$17.50 for ^{ALA} Ballrooms, even in 20 years, shows why I've been concerned as I've seen the cost go up, up and not too many ballrooms as large as the one in the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. Nostalgia aside for what has been a highpoint of all my 26 ALA conferences 1946-1972 and two earlier ones, Richmond & Cincinnati, I agree that an alternative presentation program is the way to go. Good Luck!

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