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Dear Mrs. Sutherland,

I'd like to reply to give you my opinion
and suggestions regarding the awarding of the
N-C award.

I vote to forget the budget - 17,500 is tiny
to me. Even in the year when it was
10 or below I think many young members were
kept away by price - as were many administrators
and heads of some libraries who didn't have
the way to go.

Why not a general meeting for tea by a
reception - buffet and cake box type of
thing. I think people are afraid of present
the importance, the festivity etc of the award
and the entire person as to cost and
time and effort expended.

The N-C award should never be raised

to become a static thing - but keep pace with the times
and ~~improving~~ ~~bring~~ ~~bring~~ a high standard. There
are now of too many libraries where library
service to children is at best mediocre or in some
cases has practically ceased to exist. After all,
though many forms of - for home - children
are other nations would neglect ~~service~~ - and
certainly those who see them ~~provide~~ ~~be~~ ~~aware~~
of their importance and of the responsibility of the
librarian to give them the best. Off my soapbox
now!

Sincerely
Elizabeth Gross Papetele
(per your address)