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Dear Miss Sutherland,

I am happy to give you my opinion and suggestions regarding the announcement of the R-C awards.

I note the banquet - 17:30 is entirely too much. Even in the years when it was 16 or below, I think many young members were kept away by price. As well, many administrators and heads of many librarians would not have been able to attend.

Why not a several meeting followed by a reception - buffet, and early tea type of thing. It seems such an effort would preserve the importance of the event, etc., of the awards and be within reason as to cost and effort expended.

The R-C awards should never be altered.
to become a static thing — but keep pace with the times
and emphasize itself. A high platform. From
and from of too many libraries where library
service to children is at best medicine, or in some
cases has practically ceased to exist. After all,
though library forms the foundation — children
are this nation's most important resource — and
certainly those who keep their places to recognize
of their importance and of the responsibility of the
librarians to give them the best. Off my paper
now!

Sincerely,

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