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Dear Zena,

Queer as it seems to be writing a letter to you when I can just as easily say this to you personally, I wish to have my sentiments regarding the procedures under discussion by the Board about the Newbery-Caldecott banquet in writing.

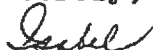
Although I believe in tradition, there comes a time when certain traditions must be entrusted to pleasant memories of the past. So it is with the Newbery-Caldecott banquet.

The following matters discussed at the ALSC board meetings in Washington and stated in the February 1979 ALSC Newsletter are viable reasons for eliminating the Newbery-Caldecott banquet:

- COST** Certainly cost eliminates the young audience which should be encouraged without financial restrictions imposed in keeping them from participation in organizational affairs.
- SPACE** Elegance of former Newbery-Caldecott banquets has been minimized by overcrowded tables in space that no longer seems available to accommodate the kind of grandeur intended for the affair.
- TIME** I should imagine that the home office staff and the ALSC officers would welcome giving the time that they have had to spend on preparations for the banquet to matters that more reasonably relate to providing library service to children in the future.

Wouldn't a simple reception be appropriate for the presentation of the Newbery-Caldecott Awards?

Sincerely,



Mrs. Isabel McCaul