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Ms. Suzanne M. Glazer
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Dear Sue:

RE: Newbery-Caldecott Dinner Task Force

I think all of us forget that there are hundreds of librarians who must feel like wallflowers the night of the big bash--either because they can't afford to come on their own or because they have not been tapped by a publisher as a guest. (And the way publishers are consolidating and/or disappearing lately, there seem to be less of us to do the inviting, further cutting down on the number of potential librarian-guests!) I feel it's important to dispense with the elitism of this affair and provide an event for everyone, especially the younger membership. There's no reason why dispensing with a costly, time-consuming banquet means dispensing with the festive atmosphere. Certainly a cocktail-party awards ceremony or some such "occasion" would allow publishers and librarians to hear the awards speeches as well as to mix more freely.

Personally, I think a Newbery-Caldecott picnic would be great fun, though I realize this would represent a tremendous, "inappropriate" divergence from the grand banquet, so I do not offer it as a serious suggestion. But I'm certainly ready to try something new and hope others are, too.

Good luck.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Pat Ross', written over a large, light-colored circular scribble or stamp.

Pat Ross
Senior Editor

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