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Ms. Zena Sutherland
Bulletin for the Center of Children's Books
University of Chicago
110 East 57th Street
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Dear Ms. Sutherland:

Lillian Gerhardt asked me to send you my thoughts on celebrating the Newbery Caldecott awards.

I am concerned about the prohibitive cost of the banquet to most members of the division. At a time when more and more libraries do not have the funds to send staff members to conventions, members are already paying for a large part of their expenses.

I also feel that the speeches should be the major part of the event and not come at a time when everyone has been sitting for too long and is beginning to lose interest in sitting for another hour listening to speeches - even though that is what they came for in the first place!

I feel that the Newbery Caldecott speeches should be open to anyone who would like to hear them, at no cost. Thus, I would like to see a program where the winners give their acceptance speeches and receive their medals, followed by a reception and cash bar.

Sincerely,

Trevelyn Jones
Children's Librarian