

Name Elizabeth Reichle Position Children's Librarian

Work with children? yes How long? 11 mos.

Member ALA? was student member ALSC? If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? in Chicago Attended Newbery/Caldcott banquet? No

Retain dinner? No If no...alternatives? Use back.....

1. Just have the authors speak with a light reception-type refreshments.



Not having been to the Newbery/Caldecott it's hard to say about the dinner but I don't think it would matter to most people to actually have a dinner. I know it wouldn't to me. I would much rather have more people able to hear the speaker & spend less on the dinner. Maybe a cocktail hour would be more appropriate than the expense of a dinner.

with the speeches, medals, etc. retained. I do not feel that the change of format will rob the ceremony of any of its dramatic impact. It will still be a special time for all who love children's books. I'm ready to experiment.

Name Marilyn Hayden Position Children's Librarian  
Houston Public Library  
Work with children?  How long? almost 4 years  
Member ALA? NO ALSC? If no...which divisions:..  
Attended ALA? NO Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? NO  
Retain dinner? If no...alternatives? Use back.....

Name Dr. Janette A. Paris Position Assist. Prof. - Lib. Science  
Sam Houston State Univ. - Huntsville  
Work with children? In past How long? 4 yrs. Elementary School Libr.  
Now teach Children's Literature  
Member ALA? Yes ALSC? Yes If no...which divisions:..  
Attended ALA? Once Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? Once; this year will mark 2nd time  
Retain dinner? Not if cost continues to rise If no...alternatives? Use back.....  
Food is not necessary for a good presentation ceremony. I would favor eliminating the banquet & substituting a presentation program (lover)



Name Elizabeth W. Doyle Position Children's Librarian

Work with children? Yes How long? 2 years

Member ALA? Yes AISC? Yes If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? Yes Attended Newbery/Caldcott banquet? Yes - '78

Retain dinner? If no...alternatives? Use back.....

IF can be kept under \$20.00.

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- ① Perhaps there could be an afternoon affair with tea + coffee and pastries with the presentations + speeches after 45 min. or so of mingling.
- ② I do not like a cash bar idea before the speeches, maybe afterward



Name *Mary Lake Arnold*

Position *Librarian*

Work with children? *yes*

How long? *26 yrs -*

Member ALA? *yes*

ALSC?

If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? *yes*

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *yes*

Retain dinner? *yes*

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*It is great & one of the highlights of ALA - This business of*





Not being able to afford a ticket is  
ridiculous - People (even students) can  
afford anything -



Name *Mary Ellen Ruiz*

Position

Work with children? *yes*

How long? *5 years*

Member ALA? *NO*

ALSC? *NO*

If no...which divisions...

*SELA, NCLA*

Attended ALA? *NO*

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *NO*

Retain dinner? *yes - why*

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*should children's librarians be unable to attend the dinner? If the problem is cost, then the real problem is our salaries; raise salaries, don't cut out the dinner.*

Name *Melanie Treviño*

Position *Coordinator of Library Services, McAllen ISD*

Work with children? *not at present*

How long? *4 years 1971-75*

Member ALA? *yes*

ALSC? *no*

If no...which divisions: *none*

Attended ALA? *Will attend this year*

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *Will attend this y*

Retain dinner? *NO*

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*Presentation program, without food and its cost*

Name *ELISA MADDALENA*

Position *CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN CLIFF TUTTLE BRANCH HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY*

Work with children? *YES*

How long? *8 MONTHS*

Member ALA? *NOT AT PRESENT TIME*

ALSC?

If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? *YES*

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *NO, COULDN'T AFFORD IT*

Retain dinner? *NO*

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*The most viable alternative seems to me to be program without the food*



Name Joan Morris

Position Head of Children's Department

Work with children? Yes

How long? Five years

Member ALA? Yes

ALSC? Yes If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? Yes

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? Yes

Retain dinner? No

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

Same type of program without the dinner.

Name CAROLA NAEGELE

Position BRANCH LIBRARIAN

Work with children? YES

How long? 4 years

Member ALA? Yes

ALSC? No If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? No

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? No

Retain dinner? No

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

Presentation program without food

Name

Susan Penny

Position

Children's Librarian -  
Branch Library

Work with children?

yes

How long? 4yr.

Member ALA?

yes

ALSC?

yes

If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA?

1st time this year

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet?

hopefully

Retain dinner?

no

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

Cocktail party; reception with  
cash bar; speeches 1st.



Name Linda Frame

Position Children's librarian

Work with children? yes

How long? 9 months

Member ALA? yes

ALSC?

If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? yes

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? no

Retain dinner? no

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

Treat it as a meeting, rather than meeting & dinner combined  
Can't afford the \$17.50

Name Jerre Hetherington

Position Exec. Secy - Texas Library Assn.

Work with children?

How long?

Member ALA? Yes

ALSC?

If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? Yes

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? Yes

Retain dinner? Yes with limited sales to non-members. If no...alternatives? Use back.....

Name Billie Grace Herring

Position Associate Professor  
U. of Texas

Work with children? formerly

How long? 6 yrs.

Member ALA? yes

ALSC? not now

If no...which divisions...RTSD

Attended ALA? yes  
Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? not since 1975 -  
banquets no longer festive + fun - costs too high - can read speeches in  
Retain dinner? no

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

Presentation program  
without meal

Have Book





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Name JEANNIE WARDEN

Position LIBRARIAN -  
HOOVER BRANCH

Work with children? Yes

How long? 5 yrs

Member ALA? NO

ALSC? NO

If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA?

WILL ATTEND (1st time)

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet?

WILL ATTEND (1st time)

Retain dinner?

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

Yes (HAVE COUPLE OF CHOICES FOR MEAL -  
INCLUDING LOW COST CHOICE)



Name *MARILYN WENZEL* Position *CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN  
BRACEWELL BRANCH  
HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY*

Work with children? *Yes* How long? *4 yrs*

Member ALA? *NO* ALSC? *NO* If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? *NO* Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *NO*

Retain dinner? *NO* If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*An awards presentation with a  
reception following it would allow  
more people to attend.*

Name *Dr. Leta W. Burt* Position *Director, Library Science Dep  
Sam Houston State Univ.  
Huntsville, Texas*

Work with children? *Teach  
Children's Literature and  
Current Trends course* How long? *13 years*

Member ALA? *Yes* ALSC? *Not at  
present* *AAAL*  
If no...which divisions...  
*formerly HR LSD (can't remember name)*

Attended ALA? *Yes* Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *Yes*

Retain dinner? *No* If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*To make the occasion accessible to everyone, I suggest that the  
speakers could be heard better (as well as seen better) if it were  
held in the <sup>an</sup> auditorium. A reception could be held later if  
it did not take too much staff time to arrange. (Cash bar? and coffee?)  
*Dr. Genevieve Paris and Dr. Elaine Pettus also teach children's literature.**

Name *CATHERYNE S. FRANKLIN* Position *ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR  
(RETIRED)*

Work with children? *TEACHER OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE* How long? *27 years*

Member ALA? *SINCE 1964* ALSC? *SINCE 1964* If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? *Yes, 15 yrs* Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *15 yrs*

Retain dinner? *Yes* If no...alternatives? Use back.....





4. Consider alternative food service: buffet/box supper/ fruit and cheese platters ....anything to avoid the over priced rubber chicken syndrome.
5. Encourage family style seating, to mix it up between "peons" and "princes", known and unknown.

I do feel that the changes in the committee procedures and selection process are a step in the right direction. I hope your task force garners workable improvements in the banquet tradition.

*Dana Pinizzotto*

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Name DODY CARTER

Position CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN  
SPRING BRANCH MEMORIAL  
(HCPL)

Work with children? yes

How long? 3 months

Member ALA? no

ALSC? no

If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? no

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? no

Retain dinner? I DON'T KNOW. If no...alternatives? Use back.....

I AM NOT A MEMBER OF ALA AND I HAVE NEVER ATTENDED ALA. THE MEMBERSHIP DUES AND ALA CONVENTION FEES ARE FAR TOO EXPENSIVE FOR MY BUDGET.





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Name *Carol Calvin* Position *Children's Librarian*

Work with children? *Yes* How long? *2 1/2 yrs*

Member ALA? *No* ALSC? *No* If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? *No* Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *No*

Retain dinner? *No* If no...alternatives? Use back.....

The cost of the dinner does ~~make~~ prohibit participation, as well as a view of the speaker if arriving after dinner or at off-center table. Perhaps a cocktail hour with closed bar; those wishing to "nurse" one drink at minimal cost would still benefit. more individuals would be better able to view speaker since only chairs would be needed, no tables (and no cold food).

I think it is time for a change!

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Name Elizabeth Crabb

Position Coordinator, Northeast  
Texas Library System

Work with children?  
Work with children's librarians

How long?

Member ALA? yes

ALSC? no

If no...which divisions...

PLA ASCLA

Attended ALA? yes

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? Sometimes

Retain dinner? no

If no...alternatives? Use back..... (over)

I have worked with children's librarians for a number of years and know that many cannot afford to attend the banquet - or if they do, they can't afford to attend anything else. - This applies especially to the younger children's librarians who are especially interested and could profit most by attending the awards ceremony.

Since I am not a member of ALSC my opinion may be valueless, but I will give it. I would like to see the awards continued at a presentation ceremony - where, of course, the winners would be allowed to speak. If more than a simple ceremony were desired, perhaps two or three publishers could furnish wine and cheese.

I am very pleased to see this change considered. I encourage you to take the step to ~~eliminate~~ eliminate the meal but not the presentation.

Elizabeth Crowl  
Northeast Texas Library System  
1954 Commerce  
Dallas, Texas 75201

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Name Jo Anne Courtney Position Children's Librarian  
Hou. Pub. Library

Work with children? Yes How long? 16 yrs

Member ALA? No ALSC? No If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? Yes Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? Yes

Retain dinner? Yes If no...alternatives? Use back.....

Please see Back -

I formerly belonged to ALA and attended the banquets. Now I have dropped my ALA membership but I still attend the banquets. For financial reasons, I dropped ALA — for social reasons I will continue to attend the conferences and the banquet.

The banquet format has permitted me to meet people from <sup>geographically</sup> remote systems and also people other than children's librarians. The price of the banquet isn't out of line when you consider that over the years our salaries have quadrupled, along with cost of meals, hotels, etc. It all balances out, doesn't it? It was out of the

reach of the beginning librarian then as well as now. But what a thrill when you finally do get to go. Many times I heard boring speeches, but at least I felt inspired by my contact with the great and near-great. And I felt like a professional!

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Name **Kunda Darling** Position **Branch librarian**

Work with children? **Yes, in absence of children's librarian** How long? **3 years**

Member ALA? **Yes** ALSC? **No** If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? **No** Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? **No**

Retain dinner? **No** If no...alternatives? Use back.....

Presentation program instead



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Name *Annette Delleritt*

Position *Children's librarian*

Work with children? *yes*

How long? *6 yrs*

Member ALA? *yes*

ALSC? *yes*

If no...which divisions:..

Attended ALA? *yes*

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *NO*

Retain dinner? *NO*

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

I would prefer the dinner be eliminated and an acceptance speech assembly instituted instead - some situation in which those interested can gather to listen to the honored authors without the distractions of poor food preceding the talk and clanking cutlery accompanying it. If necessary, a reception could be held, after the speeches - but for me, food consumption does not enhance the experience.

I can't afford the dinner tickets and I won't go this year again either as a result. My library system provides no monies whatsoever towards the expenses of these professional conventions. If I cut corners I could afford the tickets, but I don't find the experience worth it. What I'm interested in is hearing from the authors and I don't feel that not feeding the audience would demean the honor of the medal or lessen the significance for any of the participants - it doesn't seem to for the academy awards, or the Nobel Prizes.

Annette Delmeritt

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Name Hazel Furman

Position Assistant Professor

Work with children? yes

How long? 22 years

Member ALA? yes

ALSC? yes

If no...which divisions:..

Attended ALA? yes

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? yes

Retain dinner?

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

see over



Dear Zena

Thanks for your note, I do appreciate your request for my thoughts---and here I go----

I hate to think of the banquet being discontinued, but in view of the state of the economy, I must think that it is time to change in order to meet the problems of the day.

I think the idea of a presentation meeting is a good one and could be designed to emphasize the importance of the awards. However, I feel that there is a certain amount of personal contact with these outstanding authors and illustrators that is very important to those of us who are not in constant (or even any) contact with them that gives the "ordinary" librarian something to take back home that is personally meaningful.

What about a cocktail party in the largest room available, with not only the Newbery and Caldecott Award winners, but also those authors who have been recognized through "Best Books for YA," and "Notable books". They could be dispersed throughout the room at various "reception tables" Thus, everyone attending would have an opportunity to meet some author or illustrator who has been recognized on a person-to-person basis. It might also be possible that the publishers who are undoubtedly facing the same financial restrictions might be interested in eliminating some of their costly cocktail parties in favor of a larger audience, and provide some cooperative support for the cost, which of course would be shared by the attendees, too.

Then at the close of the cocktail party (which would not last too long) the formal presentations could be made in somewhat the same manner as they now are.

Pardon the typos, and whatever--- time, as always, seems to be precious---

I'll be looking forward to hearing the decision made on this problem, and must say that I don't envy you your job of filtering out the thousands of ideas that you will receive.

Best regards,



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Name **Lea-Ruth C. Wilkens** Position **Associate Professor**  
**c** University of Houston at Clear Lake City  
2700 Bay Area Blvd. Houston, Tx 77058

Work with children? How long?  
**teach library science and reading courses** **10 years**

Member ALA? ALSC? If no...which divisions...  
**yes** *nc*

Attended ALA? Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet?  
**no** **no**

Retain dinner? If no...alternatives? Use back.....  
**no**



I would agree that dinner probably is getting far too expensive for all those librarians who have to have an ALA degree and earn \$8000.00 per year and even less. I would suggest we have only a speech and make this the very best so that we all can return home filled with wonder and excitement which, after all, is children's literature.

Lois R. Wilson



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Name Flora R. Wilkita

Position Library Director

Work with children? yes

How long? 26 years

Member ALA? yes

ALSC? no

If no...which divisions...  
LACIA

Attended ALA? yes

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? yes

Retain dinner? yes, it is important enough to me to make the financial sacrifice to retain its aura. This is my preference!!!

If no...alternatives? Use back.....  
but would not object to another format - younger employees seem less oriented to sacrifice of time and funds and this priority should be honored - they are our cut

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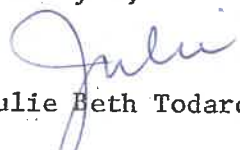
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Name SAM E WHITTEN Position ASST PROF, GSLS  
UNIV. OF TEX, AUSTIN

Work with children? How long?

Member ALA? ALSC? If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet?

Retain dinner? If no...alternatives? Use back.....



Julie J. sent this to me and asked my opinion even though I am not a children's librarian and do not often attend a N&B awards dinner. I am a long-time regular attendee at conventions, however, and have given these problems some thought.

I think the increasing costs of affairs such as these are a definite problem and the young librarians are more & more excluded because of the cost.

I would suggest a no-host cocktail party which would precede an auditorium-type seating arrangement where the speeches would be given - at no cost.

A few people who view the N&B dinner primarily as a social event might drop out. I think a much larger group of participants would be gained.

Good luck!

S.D.V.

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Name Christina Glass Well Position Consultant, Lib. Service  
El Paso Public School

Work with children? yes

How long? 18 years

Member ALA? yes

ALSC? -

If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? yes

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? yes

Retain dinner?

not necessarily

If no...alternatives? Use back..... OVER

Realizing that the dinner has become quite an expensive item, I feel that it may be time for an alternative. It should, however, be an alternative which retains the excitement and "happening" aspect which the dinner currently represents for many librarians. Such an alternative would probably save only money (and little of that) since an equal amount of planning/preparation time would be required.

Christina Davis Wall

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Name Joanne Schroeder Position children's LIBRARIAN

Work with children? yes How long? 10 years

Member ALA? NO ALSC? NO If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? NO Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? NO

Retain dinner? NO If no...alternatives? Use back.....

An awards ceremony without a banquet would be sufficient.

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Name *Barbara Rhodes* Position *Children's Co-ordinator*

Work with children? *Yes*  
How long? *8 yrs*

Member ALA? *No*  
ALSC? *No* If no...which divisions:..

Attended ALA? *will attend Dallas*  
Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *will attend*

Retain dinner? *Not if it gets any more expensive*  
If no...alternatives? Use back.....  
*How about just speeches & cocktails?*

*Although this has nothing to do with your problem - someone should suggest ALA lower the non-member convention rates*

they are so high that even librarians who could afford the dinner can't afford to attend the convention in the first place. Inflation may be bad but ALA certainly isn't helping things. You lost half of our professional staff attendance and all of our para-professionals and trustees on the convention rates alone.



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Name LUQUIDA PHILLIPS Position DIRECTOR-LEARNING RESOURCES

Work with children? YES How long? YEARS

Member ALA? YES ALSC? YES If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? YES Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? YES

Retain dinner? NO If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*Many new and experienced librarians have never had an "invitation" as a guest and many administrators have never paid for a ticket*

ALTERNATIVE:

1. A major program meeting similar to the "President's Program." No doubt it would draw a larger audience and be beneficial and exciting for more persons. Publishers could continue to bring author and illustrator. Sales would be just as great and profit might be greater.

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Position *Branch Librarian, Tomball, TX*

Name *Connie Paulson*

Work with children? *Yes*

How long? *3 yrs.*

Member ALA? *No*

ALSC? *No*

If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? *No*

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet?

Retain dinner? *No*

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

I am afraid the cost would prohibit me from attending  
a awards presentation and speeches could be an  
evening event without the banquet. This would  
comodate everyone rather than having the distiction  
people arising late to hear the speeches.

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Name JAN MOLTZAN

Position BRANCH MANAGER  
DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Work with children? NOT DIRECTLY How long? for 8 years was a children's librarian for DALLAS Public, working directly with children

Member ALA? yes

ALSC? yes If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? yes

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? YES

Retain dinner? undecided

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

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(OVER)

ENTS:

egin with, I have attended five Newbery-Caldecott banquets during my membership in ALA/ALSC -  
st admit that all five banquets were delightful experiences and none of them were paid for  
publisher. I thoroughly enjoyed sitting and talking with people from different parts of  
country. I remember the joy and excitement of listening to a much loved author and/or  
strator speak. Generally, the experiences were a pleasant remembrance of several  
ferences.

pite my relatively happy experiences, I do believe that some changes are in order. I firmly  
ieve that many of the problems exist within the ALA Office structure and necessarily  
hin only ALSC or the ALSC Executive Secretary's Office. However, I shall not take this  
ortunity to expound upon the ALA hierarchy, only the matter at hand, which is the Newbery-  
decott banquet.

question raised by the questionnaire was concerning the amount of time given by local ALSC  
nbers to work on the banquet...."could that time be better spent on projects directly  
lated to library services to children?" Yes, th time could be spent doing work with  
ildren, but take into consideration that generally 90% of the people who do this type of  
lunter work are employed in jobs that directly involve them with library services to  
ildren. Does this give those individuals the chance to do something different for a  
ange, yet related, or is the whole project a burden? Further more, how many people who work  
the local ALSC Newbery-Caldecott banquet committee are actually members of ALSC?....Further,  
w many joined just to work on the committee and to attend the conference at lower rates  
or just one year? Sometimes the Newbery-Caldecott committee (banquet) is the only activity  
individuals have ever been involved with because they cannot attend every Mid-Winter and/or  
LA Conference.

he second part I would like to address is cost. A dinner banquet is expensive no matter  
ere you have it. Has anyone ever thought of a breakfast that would be much less in price?  
he Children's Round Table of the Texas Library Association for years has held a breakfast  
rogram as part of the TLA Annual Conference. The cost has been under \$6.00 per ticket and  
hat generally includes printed programs, table favors, centerpieces, honorarium and guest  
ickets. In 1979, CRT/TLA had over 800 people attend its' breakfast at the San Antonio  
onference. New York would be a great place to experiment with this idea . In addition, it  
ould be great (in New York) to secure Gene Shalit of the NBC Today Show to cover the  
proceedings for the television audience!

Coverage of whatever event scheduled should be by the public broadcasting system or  
some appropriate television station. This wide publicity and viewing of the presentation  
can only assist in giving the award and its receiptants additional exposure.

Finally, a question that in all probability should be the first one to be answered - Who  
is the presentation of awards actually for....children....the award winners....professional  
librarians.....publishers....family and friends...the general public.....etc.....or what  
type of mixture? I firmly believe that this question must be answered first before any  
permanent changes are made in the current awards' presentation.

If I may be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to call on me.  
I greatly appreciate being called upon to assist in the survey and apologize for typing/  
spelling errors, but the form came on June 5th!

Jan Moltzan



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Name Anne Hollingsworth Position Media Consultant  
Texas State Library

Work with children? Yes - sort of How long? 2 1/2 years  
Coordinate Texas Summer  
Reading Club program

Member ALA? Yes ALSC? No If no...which divisions...  
LITA, ASCLA

Attended ALA? Yes Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? No  
Could not afford it!

Retain dinner? No If no...alternatives? Use back.....  
Have program without meal function;  
I have always wanted to attend the  
awards, but did not want the  
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Work with children? yes How long? 26 years

Member ALA? yes ALSC? no If no...which divisions...  
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Retain dinner? yes, it is important enough to me to make the financial sacrifice to retain its gala aura, this is my preference!!!

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Name Lea-Ruth C. Wilkens

Position Associate Professor  
University of Houston at Clear Lake City  
2700 Bay Area Blvd. Houston, Tx 77058

Work with children?

How long?

teach library science and reading courses

10 years

Member ALA?

ALSC?

If no...which divisions...

yes

no

Attended ALA?

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet?

no

no

Retain dinner?

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

no

see back please



I would agree that dinner probably is getting far too expensive for all those librarians who have to have an ALA degree and earn \$8000.00 per year and even less. I would suggest we have only a speech and make this the very best so that we all can return home filled with wonder and excitement which, after all, is children's literature.

he a *Robert Wilkins*





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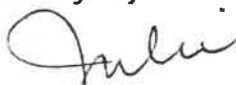
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Name SAM E WHITTEN

Position ASST. PROF, GSLS

UNIV. OF TEX, AUSTIN

Work with children?

How long?

Member ALA?

ALSC?

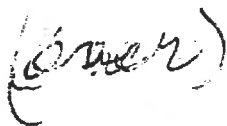
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Julius. Sent this to me and asked my opinion even though I am not a children's librarian and do not often attend a N&B awards dinner. I am a long-time regular attendee at conventions, however, and have given these problems some thought.

I think the increasing costs of affairs such as these are a definite problem and the young librarians are more & more excluded because of the cost.

I would suggest a no-host cocktail party which would precede an auditorium-type seating arrangement where the speeches would be given - at no cost.

A few people who view the N&B-C dinner primarily as a social event might drop out. I think a much larger group of participants would be gained.

Good luck!

S.D.W.



Name *MARILYN WENZEL* Position *CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN  
BRACEWELL BRANCH  
HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY*

Work with children? *Yes* How long? *4 yrs*

Member ALA? *NO* ALSC? *NO* If no...which divisions:...

Attended ALA? *NO* Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *NO*

Retain dinner? *NO* If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*An awards presentation with a  
reception following it would allow  
more people to attend.*



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Name *JEANNIE WARDEN* Position *LIBRARIAN -  
HOOVER BRANCH*

Work with children? *yes* How long? *5 yrs*

Member ALA? *NO* ALSC? *NO* If no...which divisions:...

Attended ALA? *WILL ATTEND (1st time)* Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *WILL ATTEND (1st time)*

Retain dinner? *yes (HAVE COUPLE OF CHOICES FOR MEAL -  
INCLUDING LOW COST CHOICE)*  
If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*NOT MEMBER ALA BECAUSE OF  
HIGH MEMBERSHIP RATES*





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Name Christina Glass Wall Position Consultant, Lib. Service  
El Paso Public School

Work with children? yes How long? 18 years

Member ALA? yes ALSC? - If no...which divisions:..

Attended ALA? yes Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? yes

Retain dinner? not necessarily If no...alternatives? Use back..... over



Realizing that the dinner has become quite an expensive item, I feel that it may be time for an alternative. It should, however, be an alternative which retains the excitement and "happening" aspect which the dinner currently represents for many librarians. Such an alternative would probably save only money (and little of that) since an equal amount of planning/preparation time would be required.

Christina Davis Wall



Name *Melanie Treviño*

Position *Coordinator of Library Services, McAllen ISD*

Work with children? *not at present*

How long? *4 years 1971-75*

Member ALA? *yes*

ALSC? *no*

If no...which divisions: *none*

Attended ALA? *Will attend this year*

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *Will attend this*

Retain dinner? *no*

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*Presentation program, without food and its cost*



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Name *Joanne Schroeder* Position *children's LIBRARIAN*

Work with children? *yes* How long? *10 years*

Member ALA? *NO* ALSC? *NO* If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? *NO* Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *NO*

Retain dinner? *NO* If no...alternatives? Use back.....





An awards ceremony without a  
banquet would be sufficient.



Name *Mary Ellen Ruiz*

Position

Work with children? *yes*

How long? *5 years*

Member ALA? *NO*

ALSC? *NO*

If no...which divisions...

*SELA, NCLA*

Attended ALA? *NO*

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *NO*

Retain dinner? *yes - why*

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*should children's librarians be unable to attend the dinner? If the problem is cost, then the real problem is our salaries; raise salaries, don't cut out the dinner.*



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The Branch Libraries

8 East 40th Street  
New York, New York 10016

June 7, 1979

Ms. Zena Sutherland  
The University of Chicago  
Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books  
1100 East 57th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60637

Dear Zena:

I regret this late reply, but life is one meeting or deadline to be met here, and without adequate secretarial help for a three month period, it gets downright impossible.

In regard to your question about the N/C banquet: I have never been one totally against the banquet, since every year newer members to the profession seem enchanted by the affair and the opportunity to see "celebrities" in the children's book world. I do believe it is the numbers of us who have been to several dinners who object to the little details which tend to minimize the true purpose of the awards.

1. I do think that an inordinate amount of ALA staff time probably goes into preparation for the dinner which could probably be delegated and should not be such an all-consuming effort for the executive secretary, especially since there are usually experienced people on local arrangement committees who could manage many details to relieve her time and release her for more productive membership needs.
2. The cost of the dinners may be a deterrent for some but 1700 + attendance indicates that many don't mind attending. The complaints about costs I've heard generally come from publishers who find the costs of the tables, placement, etc. exceedingly difficult. I do believe, without the support of the publishers, a great deal might not be possible at this major meal event. The main criticism of the dinner therefore has been that it is in effect a publishers' awards event, rather than a professional award or awards for notable achievement.
3. The best that has sometimes happened, is the opening of the area to auditors after the dinner has been served and the speeches are to be made. Some few people do or have taken advantage of this



opportunity to hear the acceptance speeches. I say few which means most are at the dinner, or choose to stay away entirely.

4. Has the task force noted that YASD, the ALA President, and others also have major meal events, - none as far as I know except the Exhibitors Round Table dinners - match the attendance of the N/C banquet. Has the task force investigated the similarities or differences of these affairs? It would be one way perhaps to assess the problems we seem to have over the ages.
5. One other bone of contention is that in spite of the tremendous attendance at the N/C banquet, most of the money does not go directly to the Division. The logistics of this bears investigation.
6. The recent suggestion to winning publishers to contribute to the potential professional education of a librarian seems a step in the right direction. Perhaps if some percentage of money from each ticket could be earmarked or guaranteed for the Melcher Scholarship fund some of the pain of the cost of the meal would be reduced.
7. The change in format of the N/C announcement at Midwinter seems to generate adequate interest. What needs to change really is probably the festivities before and after the banquet - the pre-dinner reception; the post-dinner reception and the attendant exclusivity. What about these costs? Anyone who can afford to attend ALA nowadays could or would spare the \$16 - \$18 or so dollars, for a special occasion, provided the event is open for the meal and the speeches, or for the speeches alone.

The fact that non-ALSC members buy tickets does not sound at all unhealthy to me. The fact of life is, that many young ALSC members may not even make it to the Conference at all since some libraries will only subsidize officers, or people on committees in ALA etc. This is not to be interpreted as lack of interest in the N/C event. The few who found an alternative event, it seemed to me, did focus their award around some sort of "breaking bread" event albeit cheaper, but their main objections were for the nature of the awards - types of books etc., and the practice of not remembering the profession. Donations to the Melcher Scholarship satisfies the latter criticism.

No matter what changes are made, I'm certain that the entire membership of ALSC would still not attend any Awards' affair - meal or no meal.

I hope this helps, Zena. These are my random thoughts. Good luck!

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Barbara Rollock  
Coordinator of Children's  
Services

BR/dt





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Name *Barbara Rhodes* Position *Children's Co-ordinator*

Work with children?

*Yes*

How long?

*8 yrs*

Member ALA?

*No*

ALSC?

*No*

If no...which divisions:..

Attended ALA?

*will attend Dallas*

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet?

*will attend*

Retain dinner?

*Not if it gets any more expensive*

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*How about just speeches & cocktails?*

*Although this has nothing to do with your problem - someone should suggest ALA lower the non-member convention rate*



They are so high that our members who could afford  
the honor can't afford to attend the convention  
in the first place. Inflation may be bad but  
AHA certainly isn't helping things. You lost half  
of our professional staff attendance and all of our  
para-professionals and trustees on the convention  
rates alone.



Name Elizabeth Reichle Position Children's Librarian

Work with children? yes How long? 11 mos.

Member ALA? was student member ALSC? If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? in Chicago Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? No

Retain dinner? No If no...alternatives? Use back.....



1. Just have the authors speak with a big reception-type refreshments.





In response to the questionnaire regarding Newbery/Caldecott dinner:

Dana Whitney Pinizzotto

Youth Librarian, Dallas Public Library  
formerly, Children's Librarian,  
Pasadena Public Library, California

Work with children? Yes

ALSC? Yes

Attended ALA? No

Attended banquet? No

Retain dinner? Not as is.

I have two problems with the Newbery/Caldecott banquet as it stands.

1. The cost is particularly deterring.

As a relatively new librarian, affected by both the oil crunch of inflation and Proposition 13 salary practices, it has been hard to purchase transportation to ALA (which seemed always to be far from California), purchase registration to the convention, maintain membership by paying dues, and then also pay for dinner banquets.

(Dues, while not the sole responsibility of ALSC, seem awfully high for the return: subscription to American Libraries and a \$10 discount on conference registration. It seems I might be better informed to subscribe to AL separately and add SLJ and LJ for the money. I have no complaint with the value received for ALSC dues. TON and the newsletter are helpful and informative.)

I hope ALSC is aware that most youth librarians are not high enough on the pecking order to have travel allowances, or in some cases even paid time off or "comp" time.

Overfilled schedules of working mothers, job frustration, decreased budgets, etc., are topics beyond the powers of ALSC, but also play a part in all of this!

2. It would seem appropriate if more fanfare was directed at the children who are likely to read the winners and runners up. Any interested professional can read the speeches. A less formal manner than those award ceremonies which I have attended might not dehumanize the books so much.

Suggestions:

1. Televising or video taping the speeches as the National Book Awards have been. I can easily visualize Big Bird presenting the Caldecott and Donny and Marie presenting the Newbery... or if that is too show biz; Dr. Lendon Smith and a top scoring National Merit finalist...

2. Have a premier of the video tape at ALA, followed by  
a. no host cocktail party...adjourning to local eateries or suites.  
b. buffet luncheon/tea/ or buffet dinner.

3. Make arrangements so that as many attendees as possible may have contact with the honored guests. A reception line isn't quite what I would hope for...maybe a massive game of musical chairs? Since I have not yet had the opportunity to attend such a banquet, perhaps this is a projected rather than real problem.



4. Consider alternative food service: buffet/box supper/ fruit and cheese platters ....anything to avoid the over priced rubber chicken syndrome.
5. Encourage family style seating, to mix it up between "peons" and "princes", known and unknown.

I do feel that the changes in the committee procedures and selection process are a step in the right direction. I hope your task force garners workable improvements in the banquet tradition.

*Dana Rizzotto*



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Name LUOUIDA PHILLIPS Position DIRECTOR-LEARNING RESOURCES

Work with children? YES How long? YEARS

Member ALA? YES ALSC? YES If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? YES Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? YES

Return dinner? NO If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*Many new and experienced librarians have never had an "invitation" as a guest and many administrators have never paid for a ticket.*



**ALTERNATIVE:**

1. A major program meeting similar to the "President's Program." No doubt it would draw a larger audience and be beneficial and exciting for more persons. Publishers could continue to bring author and illustrator. Sales would be just as great and profit might be greater.





Name

Susan Penny

Position

Children's Librarian -  
Branch Library

Work with children?

yes

How long?

4yr.

Member ALA?

yes

ALSC?

yes

If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA?

1st time this year

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet?

hopefully

Retain dinner?

no

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

Cocktail party; reception w/it  
Cash bar; speeches 1st.



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Name *Connie Paulson* Position *Branch Librarian, Tomball, TX*

Work with children? *Yes* How long? *3 yrs.*

Member ALA? *No* ALSC? *No* If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? *No* Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet?

Retain dinner? *No* If no...alternatives? Use back.....



I am afraid the cost would prohibit me from attending.  
The main presentation and speeches could be an  
evening event without the banquet. This would  
accommodate everyone rather than having the distaste  
of people arriving late to hear the speeches.



Name Dr. Janelle A. Paris

Position Assist. Prof. - Lib. Science  
Sam Houston State Univ. - Huntsv  
T

Work with children? In past

How long? 4 yrs. Elementary School Lib'n.  
Now teach Children's Literature

Member ALA? Yes

ALSC? Yes

If no...which divisions:..

Attended ALA? Once

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? Once; this year will  
mark 2nd time

Retain dinner? Not if cost con-  
tinues to rise

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

Food is not necessary for a good presentation  
Ceremony. I would favor eliminating the  
banquet & substituting a presentation pro-

(over)





with the speeches medals, etc. retained. I do not feel that the change of format will rob the ceremony of any of its dramatic impact. It will still be a special time for all who love children's books. I'm ready to experiment.



Name *CAROLA NAEGELE* Position *BRANCH LIBRARIAN*

Work with children? *YES* How long? *4 years*

Member ALA? *Yes* ALSC? *No* If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? *No* Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *No*

Retain dinner? *No* If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*Presentation program without  
Food*



Name Joan Morris

Position Head of Children's Department

Work with children? Yes

How long? Five years

Member ALA? Yes

ALSC? Yes

If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? Yes

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? Yes

Retain dinner? No

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

Same type of program without the dinner.



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Name JAN MOLTZAN Position BRANCH MANAGER DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Work with children? NOT DIRECTLY How long? for 8 years, was a children's librarian for DALLAS Public, working directly with children

Member ALA? Yes ALSC? Yes If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? Yes Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? YES

Retain dinner? undecided If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*(OVER)*





COMMENTS:

To begin with, I have attended five Newbery-Caldecott banquets during my membership in ALA/ALSC. I must admit that all five banquets were delightful experiences and none of them were paid for by a publisher. I thoroughly enjoyed sitting and talking with people from different parts of the country. I remember the joy and excitement of listening to a much loved author and/or illustrator speak. Generally, the experiences were a pleasant remembrance of several conferences.

Despite my relatively happy experiences, I do believe that some changes are in order. I firmly believe that many of the problems exist within the ALA Office structure and necessarily within only ALSC or the ALSC Executive Secretary's Office. However, I shall not take this opportunity to expound upon the ALA hierarchy, only the matter at hand, which is the Newbery-Caldecott banquet.

One question raised by the questionnaire was concerning the amount of time given by local ALSC members to work on the banquet...."could that time be better spent on projects directly related to library services to children?" Yes, th time could be spent doing work with children, but take into consideration that generally 90% of the people who do this type of volunteer work are employed in jobs that directly involve them with library services to children. Does this give those individuals the chance to do something different for a change, yet related, or is the whole project a burden? Further more, how many people who work on the local ALSC Newbery-Caldecott banquet committee are actually members of ALSC?....Further, how many joined just to work on the committee and to attend the conference at lower rates for just one year? Sometimes the Newbery-Caldecott committee (banquet) is the only activity individuals have ever been involved with because they cannot attend every Mid-Winter and/or ALA Conference.

The second part I would like to address is cost. A dinner banquet is expensive no matter where you have it. Has anyone ever thought of a breakfast that would be much less in price? The Children's Round Table of the Texas Library Association for years has held a breakfast program as part of the TLA Annual Conference. The cost has been under \$6.00 per ticket and that generally includes printed programs, table favors, centerpieces, honorarium and guest tickets. In 1979, CRT/TLA had over 800 people attend its' breakfast at the San Antonio Conference. New York would be a great place to experiment with this idea . In addition, it would be great (in New York) to secure Gene Shalit of the NBC Today Show to cover the proceedings for the television audience!

Coverage of whatever event scheduled should be by the public broadcasting system or some appropriate television station. This wide publicity and viewing of the presentation can only assist in giving the award and its receiptants additional exposure.

Finally, a question that in all probability should be the first one to be answered - Who is the presentation of awards actually for....children....the award winners....professional librarians.....publishers....family and friends...the general public.....etc.....or what type of mixture? I firmly believe that this question must be answered first before any permanent changes are made in the current awards' presentation.

If I may be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to call on me. I greatly appreciate being called upon to assist in the survey and apologize for typing/spelling errors, but the form came on June 5th!

Jan Moltzan



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Name *Anne Hollingsworth*

Position *Media Consultant  
Texas State Library*

Work with children? *Yes - sort of* How long? *2 1/2 years*  
*Coordinate Texas Summer Reading Club program*

Member ALA? *Yes* ALSC? *No*

If no...which divisions...  
*LITA, ASCLA*

Attended ALA? *Yes*

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *No*  
*Could not afford it!*

Retain dinner? *No*

If no...alternatives? Use back.....  
*Have program without meal function;  
I have always wanted to attend the awards, but did not want the expense of the dinner.*







Name *Billie Grace Herring*

Position *Associate Professor  
U. of Texas*

Work with children? *formerly*

How long? *6 yrs.*

Member ALA? *yes*

ALSC? *not now*

If no...which divisions? *RTS*

Attended ALA? *yes* — Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *not since 1975—*

*banquets no longer festive + fun — Costs too high — Can read speeches in*

Retain dinner? *no*

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*Horn  
Book*

*Presentation program  
without meal*





Name *Alcuyn Hayden*

Position *children's librarian  
Houston Public Library*

Work with children?

How long? *almost 4 years*

Member ALA? *no*

ALSC?

If no...which divisions:...

Attended ALA? *no*

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *no*

Retain dinner?

If no...alternatives? Use back.....



Never having been to the Newbury / Colbycott  
it's hard to say about the dinner but I don't  
think it would matter to most people to  
actually have a dinner. I know it wouldn't  
to me. I would much rather have more peop-  
le to hear the speaker & spend less on the  
dinner. Maybe a cocktail hour would be  
more appropriate than the expense of a dinner.



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Name *Hazel Furman* Position *Assistant Professor*

Work with children? *yes* How long? *22 year*

Member ALA? *yes* ALSC? *yes* If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? *yes* Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *yes*

Retain dinner? If no...alternatives? Use back.....

see over





Dear Zena

Thanks for your note, I do appreciate your request for my thoughts---and here I go----

I hate to think of the banquet being discontinued, but in view of the state of the economy, I must think that it is time to change in order to meet the problems of the day.

I think the idea of a presentation meeting is a good one and could be designed to emphasize the importance of the awards. However, I feel that there is a certain amount of personal contact with these outstanding authors and illustrators that is very important to those of us who are not in constant (or even any) contact with them that gives the "ordinary" librarian something to take back home that is personally meaningful.

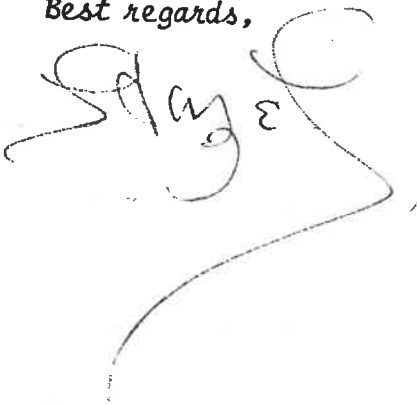
What about a cocktail party in the largest room available, with not only the Newbery and Caldecott Award winners, but also those authors who have been recognized through "Best Books for YA," and "Notable books". They could be dispersed throughout the room at various "reception tables" Thus, everyone attending would have an opportunity to meet some author or illustrator who has been recognized on a person-to-person basis. It might also be possible ~~at~~ the publishers who are undoubtedly facing the same financial restrictions might be interested in eliminating some of their costly cocktail parties in favor of a larger audience, and provide some cooperative support for the cost, which of course would be shared by the attendees, too.

Then at the close of the cocktail party (which would not last too long) the formal presentations could be made in somewhat the same manner as they now are.

Pardon the typos, and whatever--- time, as always, seems to be precious---

I'll be looking forward to hearing the decision made on this problem, and must say that I don't envy you your job of filtering out the thousands of ideas that you will receive.

Best regards,







Name CATHERYNE S. FRANKLIN

Position ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR  
(RETIRED)

Work with children?

TEACHER of CHILDREN'S LITERATURE How long? 27 YEARS

Member ALA? SINCE 1964

ALSC? SINCE 1964 If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? YES, 15 YRS Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? 15 YRS

Retain dinner? YES

If no...alternatives? Use back.....



Name *Linda Frame*

Position *Children's librarian*

Work with children? *yes*

How long? *9 months*

Member ALA? *yes*

ALSC?

If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? *yes*

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *no*

Retain dinner? *no*

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*Treat it as a meeting, rather  
than meeting & dinner combined.  
Can't afford  
the \$17.50*



Name Elizabeth W. Doyle Position Children's Librarian

Work with children? Yes How long? 2 years

Member ALA? Yes ALSC? Yes If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? Yes Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? Yes - '78

Retain dinner? If no...alternatives? Use back.....

IF can be kept  
under \$20.00.





1) Perhaps there could be an afternoon affair with tea + coffee and pastry with the presentations + speeches after 45 min. or so of mingling.

2) I do not like a cash bar idea before the speeches, maybe afterwards





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Name Annette DeMeritt Position Children's librarian

Work with children? yes How long? 6 yrs

Member ALA? yes ALSC? yes If no...which divisions:...

Attended ALA? yes Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? NO

Retain dinner? NO If no...alternatives? Use back.....



I would prefer the dinner be eliminated and an acceptance speech assembly instituted instead - some situation in which those interested can gather to listen to the honored authors without the distractions of poor food preceding the talk and clanking cutlery accompanying it. If necessary, a reception could be held, after the speeches - but for me, food consumption does not enhance the experience.

I can't afford the dinner tickets and I won't go this year again either as a result. My library system provides no monies whatsoever towards the expenses of these professional conventions. If I cut corners I could afford the tickets, but I don't find the experience worth it. What I'm interested in is hearing from the author and I don't feel that not feeding the audience would demean the honor of the medal or lessen the significance for any of the participants - it doesn't seem to for the academy awards, or the Nobel Prizes.

Annette Delmeritt



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Name **Kunda Darling** Position **Branch Librarian**

Work with children? **Yes, in absence of children's librarian** How long? **3 years**

Member ALA? **Yes** ALSC? **No** If no...which divisions...

Attended ALA? **No** Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? **No**

Retain dinner? **No** If no...alternatives? Use back.....



Presentation program instead





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Name Elizabeth Crabb

Position Coordinator, Northeast  
Texas Library System

Work with children?  
Work with children's librarians

How long?

Member ALA? Yes

ALSC? No

If no...which divisions...  
PLA ASCLA

Attended ALA? Yes

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? Sometimes

Retain dinner? No

If no...alternatives? Use back..... (over)



I have worked with children's librarians for a number of years and know that many cannot afford to attend the banquet - or if they do, they can't afford to attend anything else. - This applies especially to the younger children's librarians who are especially interested and could profit most by attending the awards ceremony.

Since I am not a member of ALSC my opinion may be valueless, but I will give it. I would like to see the awards continued at a presentation ceremony - where, of course, the winners would be allowed to speak. If more than a single ceremony were desired, perhaps two or three publishers could furnish wine and cheese.

I am very pleased to see this change considered. I encourage you to take the step to ~~eliminate~~ eliminate the meal but not the presentation.

E. Blith Croll

Northwest Texas Library System

1954 Commerce

Dallas, Texas 75201



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Name Jo Anne Courtney Position Children's Librarian  
Hou. Pub. Library

Work with children? Yes How long? 16 yrs

Member ALA? No ALSC? No If no...which divisions:..

Attended ALA? Yes Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? Yes

Retain dinner? Yes If no...alternatives? Use back.....

Please see Back -



I formerly belonged to ALA and attended the banquets. Now I have dropped my ALA membership but I still attend the banquets. For financial reasons, I dropped ALA — for social reasons I will continue to attend the conferences, and the banquet.

The banquet format has permitted me to meet people from <sup>geographically</sup> remote systems and also people other than children's librarians. The price of the banquet isn't out of line when you consider that over the years our salaries have quadrupled, along with cost of meals, hotels, etc. It all balances out, doesn't it? It was out of the reach of the beginning librarian then as well as now. But what a thrill when you finally do get to go. Many times I heard boring speeches, but at least I felt inspired by my contact with the great and near-great. And I felt like a professional!





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Name DODY CARTER Position CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN  
SPRING BRANCH MEMORIAL  
(HCPL)

Work with children? yes How long? 3 months

Member ALA? no ALSC? no If no...which divisions:..

Attended ALA? no Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? no

Retain dinner? I DON'T KNOW, If no...alternatives? Use back.....  
I AM NOT A MEMBER OF ALA AND I HAVE NEVER  
ATTENDED ALA. THE MEMBERSHIP DUES AND ALA CONVENTION  
FEES ARE FAR TOO EXPENSIVE FOR MY BUDGET.



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Name *Carol Calvin* Position *Children's Librarian*

Work with children? *Yes* How long? *2 1/2 yrs.*

Member ALA? *No* ALSC? *No* If no...which divisions:...

Attended ALA? *No* Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *No*

Retain dinner? *No* If no...alternatives? Use back.....



The cost of the dinner does ~~make~~ prohibit participation, as well as a view of the speaker if arriving after dinner or at off-center table. Perhaps a cocktail hour with closed bar; those wishing to "nurse" one drink at minimal cost would still benefit. more individuals would be better able to view speaker since only chairs would be needed, no tables (and no cold food).

I think it is time for a change!



Name *Dr. Leta N. Best*

Position *Director, Library Science Dep  
Sam Houston State Univ.  
Huntsville, Texas*

Work with children? *Teach  
Children's Literature and  
Current Trends courses*

How long? *13 years*

Member ALA? *Yes*

ALSC? *Not at  
present*

*AAAL*  
If no...which divisions...  
*formerly HR + SD (can't remember mic name)*

Attended ALA? *Yes*

Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *Yes*

Retain dinner? *No*

If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*To make the occasion accessible to everyone, I suggest that the  
speakers could be heard better (as well as seen better) if it were  
held in the <sup>an</sup> auditorium. A reception could be held later if  
it did not take too much staff time to arrange. (Cock bar? and coffee)  
*Dr. Genevieve Paris and Dr. Eloise Pettus also teach Children's literature.**





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Name *Mary B. Boyney* Position *Media Program Director  
State Dept. of Education*

Work with children? *Not directly* How long?  
*Work with children's librarians* \_\_\_\_\_ *16 years*

Member ALA? *Yes* ALSC? *No* If no...which divisions:..

Attended ALA? *yes* Attended Newbery/Caldecott banquet? *yes*

Retain dinner? If no...alternatives? Use back.....

*I enjoy the pomp and formality of the dinner; however I shall attend an alternative presentation form.  
I agree that the dinner is expensive, presents a*



logistics burden to the office. Consider a TV special similar to Emmy Awards that does not require personal attendance. Video tape the awards and speeches and permit each state to buy copies at cost or slight profit. (~~May~~ Many libraries would buy and retain these) Whatever form the presentation becomes, the video tapes could extend coverage and use.

