The Association for Library Service to Children/Notable Children’s Books, 1971-75, Reevaluation Committee announces a program to be held on Sunday, June 24, 1979, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. during the American Library Association Annual Conference at Dallas. The name of the program is “Notable Children’s Books Revisited: Your Turn to Reevaluate Notable Children's Books, 1971-1975.”

Notable Children’s Books, 1971-75, Reevaluation Committee is engaged in reappraising five years of annual book selections. The meeting will give Dallas Conference attendees the opportunity to share with the committee their critical knowledge of the books on the 1971-75 lists and their experience in using them and (2) the chance to participate in evaluative book discussions.

Small group discussions to reassess the titles on the book lists will follow a short talk by Margaret Mary Kimmel, associate professor, University of Pittsburgh, who will speak on the criteria to be used in reevaluating these books.

Participants in the program must preregister; each person will be sent a packet containing the complete list of titles under review, arranged by genre for discussion purposes, and will be asked to select the group he/she wishes to evaluate. Please send requests for registration material to Mary Jane Anderson, ALSC, ALA Headquarters, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, by June 1. ALSC members will receive priority in registering for this program.

Members of ALSC and YASD who are candidates for Council in the 1979 ALA general election are:

ALSC: Regina U. Minudri; Lucille C. Thomas; Fred A. Krueger; Crystal McNally; Mary Beth Babikow; Jacqueline G. Morris; Rosemary Weber; Catharine S. Franklin.

YASD: Betty Jo Buckingham; Regina U. Minudri; Lucille C. Thomas; Crystal McNally; Sr. M. Lauretta McCusker; Ranae Pierce; Patricia Glass Schuman; Lourdes Lendian Deya; Elaine P. Adams; Roy D. Miller.

MAJOR ACTIONS OF THE ALSC BOARD—MIDWINTER 1979

- Approved participation with Public Broadcasting System personnel in planning and implementing a multiregional symposium project, September/October 1979, funded by the U.S. International Communications Agency. The symposium will bring twenty children's literature and twenty children's television specialists to and through the United States for thirty-six days in the fall of 1979, the International Year of the Child. (This project was also approved by the ALA Executive Board, a necessary step when outside funding is involved.)

- Approved appointment of an ad hoc task force to research alternatives to the Newbery-Caldecott dinner—with opinions and recommendations sought in a variety of ways from a broad audience consisting of ALSC membership, publishers, and ALSC board and Newbery-Caldecott Committee members, past and present, with a progress report due to the board by the end of the Dallas Conference.

- Asked the Reference and Adult Services Division a number of questions relating to their request to Council to revise their charge so as to deal only with adult materials and services while retaining “reference” in their name and activities. (Because of this and similar questions from other divisions, COO and thus Council action have been delayed until ALSC questions are answered.)

- Approved for an Annual Meeting Committee to consider a separate Newbery-Caldecott dinner, if such a dinner were to be held, and a separate ALSC dinner, if such a dinner were to be held.

- Directed YASD to consider a revision of the list of “Reference Books” that would require the list of books to be kept current, with 10 new titles to be added each year.

- Approved YASD meetings regional workshop, 1980 in Chicago.

- Directed YASD to consider another YASD membership conference to be held in 1979.

- Authorized all directors to consider membership in the Literacy First program to be included in the budget for the 1979-80 fiscal year.

- Directed that the YASD bylaw committee proceed with its work.