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ALA's midwinter meeting at Chicago's Palmer House will bring together 3,300 librarians, publishers, and friends of libraries for over 1,200 meetings focusing on everything from censorship to telecommunications.

Scheduled between January 22-27, some of midwinter's offerings--all at the Palmer House--include:

- a President's Program on Wednesday, January 25, 8:30-10:30 p.m., addressing the need for the library profession to contribute to the formulation of a national information policy. A committee, representing diverse interests within ALA and the profession, will present a draft statement of the issues it feels should be covered by the policy.
- an announcement of the recipients of the Newbery and Caldecott Medals for the most distinguished children's books published in 1977--Thursday, January 26 during a press conference, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- a party hosted by the Library Education Division (LED) on Wednesday, January 25 at 10:30 p.m. to honor those who have served the division during its 32 year history and to welcome the Standing Committee on Library Education which replaces LED.
- a look at the dramatically refurbished Chicago Public Library, Michigan Avenue between Washington and Randolph, during an open house sponsored by the Chicago Public Library Friends on Sunday, January 22, 2-6 p.m.

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- a myriad of products and services available to the library profession will be exhibited in the upper exhibit hall. This enormous trade show, which features the wares of 117 firms, opens on Monday, January 23 at 4:00 p.m. and closes on January 26 at 2:00 p.m. (Check program for daily hours.)
- a placement center in the lower exhibit hall, opening on Monday, January 23 at 10:00 a.m. and closing Thursday, January 26 at 12 noon. (Check program for daily hours.)