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A full review will be made of the Children's Services Division's media evaluation activities. The review was requested during ALA's midwinter meeting in Washington, D.C. by the CSD Board of Directors.

The review—which will cover goals, objectives, types of activities and procedures—is intended to insure that future decisions about media evaluation will support reaffirmed or newly-stated goals and objectives.

Over the past decade many procedural changes were made which were intended to improve the work of CSD committees and broaden membership participation in division activities. More changes were recommended to the Board during its midwinter meeting. Before making any further changes, the Board chose to initiate the review.

With authorization from the CSD Board to move as quickly as possible, Peggy Sullivan, CSD President, has appointed a Select Committee to begin work immediately. Barbara Miller, CSD vice-president/president-elect will chair the committee. Members are: Augusta Baker, formerly Coordinator, Children's Services, The New York Public Library; John Donovan, Executive Director, Children's Book Council; Glenn E. Estes, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Tennessee; Jean Karl, Vice-President and Director, Children's Book Department, Atheneum Publishers;

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Bette Peltola, Assistant Dean and Associate Professor, College of Education, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Gail Sage, Coordinator, Children's Services, Sonoma County Library, Santa Rosa, California; Anitra Steele, Children's Specialist, Mid-Continent Public Library, Independence, Missouri; and Peggy Sullivan, Dean of Students, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago. Mary Jane Anderson, CSD Executive Secretary, will serve as consultant to the committee.

The committee will meet April 25 - 27 at ALA headquarters in Chicago. It is expected that a report with recommendations from the committee will be ready for CSD Board consideration at the ALA Annual Conference in Detroit, June 17 - 23.

The committee welcomes written comments, suggestions, recommendations, ideas, questions, statements of concern, etc., from CSD members and others interested in CSD's past, present and future role and activities in the area of media evaluation. Please address all such communications before April 15 to the Executive Secretary, Children's Services Division, ALA, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.