

# News Release: American Library Association

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The 1977 ALA Midwinter Meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. at the Sheraton-Park and Shoreham Americana Hotels, January 30 - February 5.

The 3,000 librarians, publishers, educators, and friends of libraries who are expected to attend will have over 1,200 meetings, workshops, and seminars from which to choose. They will also be able to browse through 150 exhibit booths offering goods and services ranging from library furniture to security systems to magazine subscription agencies.

The President's program, "Libraries and Telecommunications," is scheduled for Wednesday evening February 2. Experts on the subject, including John T. Witherspoon, President, Public Service Satellite Consortium; Ken Winslow, International Tape Association; Alan Stricklin, I-O Metrics; Frank Norwood, Executive Director, Joint Council on Educational Telecommunications, will discuss new developments in communications technology and their potential application to library and information sciences. Among the areas they will consider are communications satellites, new video recording devices, including video discs, and interactive cable TV.

The next morning, Thursday, February 3, there will be a legislative breakfast, followed by a workshop. The program is designed to strengthen each state's legislative network by assisting librarians in developing contacts with members of Congress, particularly with new senators and representatives. Anyone interested in attending should contact his or her state library agency head.

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cooperation with the D.C. Manpower Commission and the National Registry for Librarians. Hours are as follows:

Monday, January 31, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, February 1, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, February 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, February 3, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Winners of the Newbery and Caldecott Awards for the most distinguished children's books published in 1976 will be announced at the Midwinter Meeting. Also announced will be the titles making ALA's Notable Books, Notable Books for Children, and Best Books for Young Adults lists, as well as the recipient of the Grolier Grant, recognizing the best public relations program submitted by a state library association.

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