

# News Release: American Library Association

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Midwinter Meeting time is almost here again and chairpersons of the American Library Association's committees and boards have scheduled over 1,000 sessions for the week of January 18 - 24, 1976.

The 3,000 librarians, publishers, and friends of libraries who will gather at the Palmer House in Chicago from all over the country will be involved in meetings on a wide range of interesting and important subjects. This year's schedule covers everything from interlibrary loans to the concerns of the Italian American Librarians' Caucus; from the training of library supportive staff to standard setting for toys and games used in libraries; from academic status for university librarians to a task force on opportunities for women in library administration.

During this, the ALA's Centennial Midwinter Meeting, some of the major and far-reaching issues under discussion will be intellectual freedom, library international relations (including copyright legislation and revision of the catalog code), American library history, and funding for libraries at all government levels.

Conferees can browse through 115 exhibition booths offering such goods and services as library equipment, furniture, security and electronic check-out systems, books, magazines, book wholesaling, and congressional information services.

A placement clearing service, provided by the National Registry of Libraries and open to employers and applicants, will also be available.

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Winners of the Newbery and Caldecott Awards for the most distinguished children's books published in 1975 will be announced at the Midwinter Meeting. Also announced will be the annual selection of Notable Books, Notable Books for Children, and Best Books for Young Adults, as well as the nominee for School Library Media Program of the Year, and the recipient of the Grolier Grant for a public relations program submitted by a state library association.