

ALA Midwinter Report

American Library Association Midwinter Meeting ALA Council January 24, 1987

1. Council met in three sessions for action on a variety of issues, many of which related to the federal government and its policies related to information.

2. ALA members should be alert to a series of new benefits of membership when they renew their membership. A series of investment and credit card options will be available.

3. The American Library Association is operating in the black and will move from a cash basis accounting system to an accrual accounting system in September 1987. This move is in line with GAP principles and will more clearly reflect the obligations as well as the potential income of the association.

4. At the request of the Documents Section Depository System Committee, a resolution supporting the North Carolina State Publications depository bill was introduced in Council and passed as an ALA Council resolution on 1/21/87. Support from ASCLA Board, the GODORT group and other state councilors made passage relatively easy. Diana Young, Councilor at Large was the seconder of the resolution.

5. Various book awards:

Coretta Scott King—Walter, Mildred. *Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World*

Award for Illustration—Jerry Pinkney illustrator of *Half a Moon and One Whole Star*.

Batchelder Award—No Hero for the Kaiser, by Rudolph Frank.

Caldecott Medal—Egielski, Richard. *Hey Al*. Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

Honor Books—(1) *Village of Round and Square Houses* ill. by Ann Grifalconi, Brown, Little. (2) *Alphabetics*. ill. by Suse MacDonald, Bradbury, (3) *Rumpelstiltskin*. ill. by

Paul Zelinski, Dutton.

Newbery Medal—Fleischman, Sid. *The Whipping Boy*. Greenwillow.

Honor Books—(1) Bauer, M. *On My Honor*. Clarion. (2) Lauber, Patricia. *Volcano*. Bradbury. (3) Rylant, Cynthia. *A Fine White Dust*. Bradbury.

6. Candidates for President of ALA.

—William Summers, Dean, Florida State University Library Science Program

—Thomas Dowlin, Director of Library, Pikes Peak Library System

—Linda Ann Dougherty, Chicago Public—Petition Candidate.

7. Watch for: "A Public Library Card for Every School Child."

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Special flight and housing arrangements for San Francisco Meeting of ALA.

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