

If I do not have the information at hand for an adequate answer, I shall make every effort to get it for you as soon as possible.

Mr. BURTON. Thank you very much, Mrs. Rusk.

Congressman Carey.

Mr. CAREY. Thank you. I really have no questions, I just want to commend and compliment you on the exhibition of text materials and figures I have been reading through here, "A Selected Reading List Part 2: For Young Adults."

I want to keep it and call it to the attention of the board of librarians on which I serve in New York City.

Mr. BURTON. Dr. Matthew?

Dr. MATTHEW. I was very pleased to hear your statement and learn of the role school librarians are taking in this matter.

I would like to know to what extent school librarians are working with textbook publishers and schools for the material which goes into these books?

Mrs. RUSK. I think through the years we have worked with publishers and had amicable relationships with them. I can't think of specific present projects in which we are involved. Publishers visit our various systems.

Dr. MATTHEW. I think librarians are closer than teachers to children in respect to their reading experiences and therefore can know the kind of things children look for, their reactions to the things they read, the distortion about what they read, et cetera.

Mrs. RUSK. I could point out publishers who visit library systems. Of course, in libraries the logical person they would have contact with, if it is a large system, would be the supervisor or director of libraries to discuss the various kinds of new books and to discuss new publishing practices. We have this kind of relationship in that these directors and supervisors are all members of our association.

I would like to point something else out to you that may be helpful in answering your question. In the American Library Association when one takes membership one becomes a member of two divisions. There are five divisions according to the kind of library and eight divisions according to kind of service so that you would find that the members of the American Association of School Librarians would also be members possibly of the children's services division, and a type of service for the young adult services division which is another type of service.

One of the activities of children's service division annually is the awarding of the Newberry Medal for the most distinguished book for young people for the year that was written by an American author, and the Caldicott Medal, which is an award to the artist for the most distinguished picture book for young people during the year.

These two awards originated as the outcome of relationship between book publishers and the librarians in their concern for excellence and quality.

Dr. MATTHEW. Are librarians getting as many books from the moneys made available by legislation because of the pricing of books and the quality of them?

Mrs. RUSK. Would you repeat that, Dr. Matthew?

Dr. MATTHEW. Are librarians able to get as many books for the money made available from the legislation, for example, the ESEA or the NDEA because the prices of the books are fixed? Or because the