

Tribute Resolution Dedicated to the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)  
of the  
a division of the American Library Association (ALA),  
on the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Caldecott Medal

Whereas in 1937, Frederic Melcher suggested the establishment of a medal to be given to the artist who had created the most distinguished American picture book of the year published in the United States and named in honor of the nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott;

Whereas the idea for this medal was accepted by the Section for Library Work with Children of ALA and approved by ALA executive board and is currently administered by the ALSC;

Whereas the ALA division, ALSC, has planned special Caldecott-related events and activities throughout the year to make it possible for all to be involved in the celebration, in person, online, and in print. The hope is that all will find a way to participate and to share the celebration locally with children in communities;

Whereas 2008 Caldecott Medal Winner Brian Selznick has brought together characters from past Caldecott Medal-winning books, beginning with the very first in 1938 and spanning all the way to the 21st century, in this logo that he created especially for the 75th Anniversary celebration;

Whereas a picture book for children as distinguished from other books with illustrations is one that essentially provides the child with the visual experience. A picture book has a collective unity of story-line, theme, or concept, developed through the series of pictures of which the book is comprised;

Whereas a picture book for children is one for which children are an intended potential audience. The book displays respect for children's understandings, abilities, and appreciations;

Whereas the Caldecott Medal is recognized as an award of distinction worldwide and has brought attention to ALSC, ALA, and the profession as evidenced by the growing awareness and recognition the Youth Media Awards have and continue to garner;

Whereas the Caldecott medal promotes the recognition and understanding of excellence in literature and illustration for children; and

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*Resolved*, that the American Library Association (ALA) on behalf of its members:

1. salutes ALSC on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Caldecott Medal;
2. commends ALSC and the Caldecott Medal for 75 years of excellence in promoting the value of picture books; and
3. shall send a copy of this resolution to ALSC, President Carolyn S. Brodie, and its executive board.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association  
Tuesday, January 29, 2013  
In Seattle, Washington



Keith Michael Fiels

ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council