



## Editor's Note

By Sharon Verbeten

### Diving into Diversity

As editor of *Children and Libraries*, I don't often plan "theme" issues. We only have four issues a year, and I don't like to devote

an entire issue to a topic some of our readers might have little interest in, or one they aren't able to effectively implement for whatever reason.

But in our next (Fall 2015) issue, our CAL Editorial Advisory Committee has chosen a theme we can *all* get behind—diversity. It's more than just a buzzword; we've been talking about it for years, no matter what the terminology (i.e. multicultural, etc.). And we're planning a wealth of articles and perspectives for readers, to get them thinking more about what diversity means to them, their patrons, their programming, and their collections.

Obviously it was a watershed year for diversity at this year's ALA Media Awards, with many of the top awards going to authors and illustrators from diverse backgrounds. But diversity is much more than honoring those doing the work. It's about fostering the work in itself. It's also about presenting diversity in our libraries—whether we think we need to or not.

Some of your libraries are in extremely diverse communities. There is no question as to why diversity is important to you. But for those of you in smaller or very homogeneous communities, looking beyond the faces of your patrons is essential.

Our Fall issue of CAL won't be out until September—ideally, after the craziness of summer reading dies down. So be sure to take a break yourself, dive into our diversity issue and, then, dive into diversity itself—and see how you can best apply it in practice at your library. ☺

### Sixteen Win Tickets to June 2015 Banquet

Sixteen ALSC members won tickets to the Newbery-Caldecott-Wilder Banquet in San Francisco in June. They were selected from entries in three campaigns: Membership Needs Assessment Survey, Friends of ALSC donors, and the Everyday Advocacy button campaign. Winners were guests at tables hosted by ALSC Past Presidents Starr LaTronica and Mary Fellows, ALSC member Cecilia McGowan, and CAL Editor Sharon Verbeten.

The Friends of ALSC donor winners were Michael Santangelo, Betsy Orsburn, Claudette McLinn, and Connie Champlin. Everyday Advocacy winners were Janet Weber, Alison King, Laura Mikowski, and Pam Carlton. Membership Needs Survey winners included Jill Bickford, Molly Carlisle, Amber Creger, Jerri Heid, Lisa Nowlain, Katie Salo, Heather Smith, and Pam Werre.

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