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BOOKER McCONNELL PRIZE

I was discussing the Prize a little while ago with Barbara Buckley, National Book League press officer, and we got to thinking about ways in which libraries could be encouraged to promote the Prize. I suggested the possibility of a display competition for librarians in which they would be encouraged to mount a display relating to the Prize. This could be judged on the basis of photographs submitted and small prizes of book tokens could be awarded to the winner and two runners-up. I suggest a prize of £50 for the winner and £25 for the two runners-up.

I asked Barbara to informally soundout the Library Association about such an idea and it transpired that the Library Association can only give views on such ideas by putting it to one of their committees. This apparently has been done on the basis that such a competition is a possibility being considered by the organisers of the Booker McConnell Prize. The Library Association committee is very enthusiastic. If we wish to go ahead copy needs to appear in the Library Association's September Newsletter. The closing deadline for this is late next week. Copy should give the broad outline of the competition and invite interested librarians to write to the NBL for further details.

I hope that you can support this idea and, if so, could you please let Linda know so that she may in turn tell Barbara Buckley so that the copy may be submitted to the Library Association Newsletter. Martyn Goff thinks the competition is a very good idea.

*Barbara writing to Peter Saldam*

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*MMS phoned to say MHC does support this idea. Telephoned Barbara Buckley and told her MHC supported the idea.*