

Responses and notes

The Frances E. Russell Award granted annually by the International Board on Books for Young People — Canadian Section was presented to André Gagnon for his research proposal "Translation of children's books in Canada." The study will examine Canadian children's books in translation from both an historical and analytical viewpoint. The \$1,000.00 annual grant donated by Marjorie Russell of Toronto in memory of her sister is given to encourage research in Canadian children's literature.

The winners of the **Canada Council children's literature prizes** for 1984 were announced recently. Four prizes for 1984 of \$5,000 each and a Canada Council medal were awarded to writers and illustrators of children's books. **The English-language text** winner was Jan Hudson for *Sweetgrass*, Mary-Ellen Lang Collura for *Winners*, Brian Doyle, *Angel Square*, Jean Little, *Mama's going to buy you a mockingbird*, Mary Razzell, *Snow apples*. The French-language text winner was Daniel Sernine for *Le cercle violet*. The French-Language book illustration winner was Marie-Louise Gay for *Lizzy's lion*, with text by Dennis Lee. Gay also won the French-language illustration prize for her work in *Drole d'école*. Other finalists included Maureen Paxton, *The dinner party*, Barbara Reid, *The new baby calf*, Ian Wallace, *Chin Chiang and the dragon's dance*.

Paper call for the Modern Language Association meeting in New York City, December 27-29, 1986. Topics are: 1) innovative form in children's literature and 2) the demands of audience in children's literature. Send three copies, no longer than ten double-spaced pages only, to Virginia Wolf, English Department, University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, WI 54751 no later than January 31, 1986.

The Elizabeth Cleaver Picture Book Award will be established and administered by the Canadian Section of IBBY. Further details about this award will soon be available from Irene Aubrey, National Children's Librarian, Library of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa.