

2015 Mock Newbery Discussion #1

It's time to start taking a close look at the children's novels of 2014. Please read one or (better yet) more books for the first meeting. Participating in the Mock Newbery is an opportunity to read the newest children's books and to discuss them with other passionate readers. Please join us!

Mock Newbery Discussion #1

Wednesday, October 1, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Hampden Meadows School, 297 New Meadow Road, Barrington, RI 02806

***see directions at bottom of page.**

Please register for this program: <http://www.olis.ri.gov/services/ce/regist.php>

The Newbery Medal is awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published in the United States during the preceding year. The Award is restricted to authors who are citizens or residents of the United States.

Criteria: 1) In identifying "Distinguished Writing" in a book for children,

a. Committee members need to consider the following:

- Interpretation of the theme or concept
- Presentation of information including accuracy, clarity, and organization
- Development of a plot
- Delineation of characters
- Delineation of setting
- Appropriateness of style

Note: Because the literary qualities to be considered will vary depending on content, the committee need not expect to find excellence in each of the named elements. The book should, however, have distinguished qualities in all of the elements pertinent to it.

b. Committee members must consider excellence of presentation for a child audience.

Voting for a Rhode Island winner and honor books will take place on January 21, 2015 using the balloting procedures of the real committee.

2015 Mock Newbery Reading List #1

1. Auxier, Jonathan. *The Night Gardener: A Scary Story*. (Amulet Books, 2014)
2. Blackwood, Sage. *Jinx's Magic*. (HarperCollins, 2014)
3. Fitzgerald, Laura Marx. *Under the Egg*. (Dial Books, 2014)
4. Graff, Lisa. *Absolutely Almost*. (Philomel Books, 2014)
5. Haskell, Merrie. *Castle Behind Thorns*. (HarperCollins, 2014)
6. Herrera, Robin. *Hope is a Ferris Wheel*. (Amulet Books, 2014)
7. Johnson, Jaleigh. *The Mark of the Dragonfly*. (Delacorte Press, 2014)
8. Lloyd, Natalie. *A Snicker of Magic*. (Scholastic, 2014)
9. Lord, Cynthia. *Half a Chance*. (Scholastic, 2014)
10. Philbrick, Rodman. *Zane and the Hurricane: A Story of Katrina*. (Blue Sky Press, 2014)
11. Sovern, Megan Jean. *The Meaning of Maggie*. (Chronicle Books, 2014)
12. Turnage, Sheila. *The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing*. (Kathy Dawson Books, 2014)
13. Woods, Brenda. *The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond*. (Nancy Paulsen Books, 2014)

This is a starting list. Please feel free to send suggested titles to: cspace@provcomlib.org or blilienthal@provlb.org.

Continuing sessions:

Mock Newbery Discussion #2
Wednesday, November 5, 2014
Location: T.B.D.
7:00 PM. – 9:00 PM

Mock Newbery Discussion #3
Wednesday, December 3, 2014
Location: T.B.D.
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Mock Newbery Discussion #4 (voting meeting)
Wednesday, January 21, 2015 (snow date 1/28)
Location: T.B.D.
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Directions to Hampden Meadows School, 297 New Meadow Road, Barrington, RI 02806:

- From 95 heading North or South, Get on 195 East.
- Take Exit 7 (114 South towards Barrington.)
- Continue on 114 South (changes name and then merges with 103 South.)
- Turn Left at Massasoit Avenue.
- Turn Left at New Meadow Road. The school will be on your right.