

2016 Mock Newbery Discussion #1

It's time to start taking a closer look at the children's books of 2015. 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, September 30, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

St. Andrews School, 63 Federal Road, Barrington, RI 02806 (Directions below)

Please register for this program: <http://www.olis.ri.gov/services/ce/regs.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 in using the balloting procedures of the real committee.

2016 Mock Newbery Reading List #1

1. Baskin, Nora Raleigh. *Ruby on the Outside*. (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2015)
2. Beasley, Cassie. *Circus Mirandus*. (Penguin Young Readers Group, 2015)
3. Bradley, Kimberly Burbaker. *The War That Saved My Life*. (Penguin Young Readers Group, 2015)
4. Draper, Sharon. *Stella by Starlight*. (Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2015)
5. Graff, Lisa. *Lost in the Sun*. (Penguin Young Readers Group, 2015)
6. Holt, Kimberly Willis. *Dear Hank Williams*. (Henry Holt, 2015)
7. Hunt, Linda Mullaly. *Fish in a Tree*. (Penguin Young Readers Group, 2015)
8. Jamieson, Victoria. *Rollergirl*. (Penguin Young Readers Group, 2015)
9. Jarrow, Gail. *Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary*. (Highlights Press, 2015)
10. Kelly, Jacqueline. *The Curious World of Calpurnia Tate*. (Henry Holt, 2015)
11. Lai, Thanhha. *Listen, Slowly*. (HarperCollins, 2015)
12. Ryan, Pam Muñoz. *Echo*. (Scholastic, 2015)
13. Springstubb, Tricia. *Moonpenny Island*. (HarperCollins, 2015)
14. Stead, Rebecca. *Goodbye Stranger*. (Random House Children's Books, 2015)
15. Williams-Garcia, Rita. *Gone Crazy in Alabama*. (HarperCollins, 2015)

This is a starting list. Please feel free to send suggested titles to: danielle.margarida@olis.ri.gov

Continuing sessions:

Mock Newbery Discussion #2
Wednesday, November 4
Hampden Meadows School
297 New Meadow Rd, Barrington, RI 02806
6:00 PM. – 8:00 PM

Mock Newbery Discussion #3
Wednesday, December 2
Archie R. Cole Middle School
100 Cedar Avenue, East Greenwich, RI 02818
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Mock Newbery Discussion #4 (voting meeting)
Date/Location: T.B.D.
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Directions to St. Andrew's School:

From the North:

I-95 South to I-195 East-Exit 20 (East Providence-Cape Cod)
Take Route 114 South-Exit 7 to Barrington.
Go 5 miles to first traffic light. River and white church on left.
Turn right onto Federal Road. School is 1/8 mile on right. *

From the South:

I-95 North to I-195 East. Follow directions above to school. *

From Southern Massachusetts:

I-195 West to Exit 1-Seekonk, MA.
Turn left onto 114A.
Follow signs carefully across Route 6 on 114A to a left onto 114 South at the Mobil gas station.
Go approximately 2 miles on 114 South to traffic light.
Turn right onto Federal Road. School is 1/8 mile on right. *

From Connecticut:

Take Route 6 East to Providence, RI.
Watch closely for signs for I-95 South.
Almost immediately you will exit onto I-195 East, Exit 20 (East Providence-Cape Cod).
Take Exit 7-Route 114 South to Barrington.
Go 5 miles to first traffic light.
Turn right onto Federal Road. School is 1/8 mile on right. *

* Once on Federal Rd., take the first entrance, Lower Campus Road, all the way back to the gym parking lot. Walk past both gyms, up the stairs/ramp and directly into the **Stone Academic Bldg.** The Library is straight down the hall.