

2017 Mock Newbery Discussion #1

It's time to start taking a closer look at the children's books of 2016. 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 5, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

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

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 18, 2017 using the balloting procedures of the real committee.

2017 Mock Newbery Reading List #1

1. Alexander, Kwame. *Booked*. (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016)
2. Appelt, Kathi and Alison McGhee. *Maybe a Fox*. (Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2016)
3. Barnhill, Kelly. *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*. (Algonquin, 2016)
4. Brown, Peter. *The Wild Robot*. (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2016)
5. DiCamillo, Kate. *Raymie Nightingale*. (Candlewick Press, 2016)
6. Dumas, Firoozeh. *It Ain't So Awful, Falafel*. (Clarion Books, 2016)
**uncertain about Dumas' US citizenship or residency*
7. Eager, Lindsay. *Hour of the Bees*. (Candlewick Press, 2016)
8. Gemeinhart, Dan. *Some Kind of Courage*. (Scholastic, 2016)
9. Fogliano, Julie. *When Green Becomes Tomatoes*. (Roaring Book Press, 2016)
10. Holm, Jennifer L. *Full of Beans*. (Random House, 2016)
11. Pennypacker, Sara. *Pax*. (Balzer + Bray, 2016)
12. Reynolds, Jason. *As Brave as You*. (Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2016)
13. Sepahban, Lois. *Paper Wishes*. (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2016)
14. Turner, Pamela S. *Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune*. (Charlesbridge, 2016)
15. Wolk, Lauren. *Wolf Hollow*. (Dutton Books for Young Readers, 2016)

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 2

7:00 PM. – 9:00 PM

St. Andrews School

63 Federal Road, Barrington, RI 02806

Mock Newbery Discussion #3

Wednesday, December 7

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Archie R. Cole Middle School

100 Cedar Ave, East Greenwich, RI 02818

Mock Newbery Discussion #4 (voting meeting)

Wednesday, January 18

Oak Lawn Branch Library

230 Wilbur Ave, Cranston, RI 02921

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.