

Mock Newbery January Reading List

Sharpen your book discussion and evaluation skills. Please read one or (hopefully) more books for the meeting on **Wednesday, January 3 (snow date January 10) from 7:00 – 9:00 PM (or a little later), at the Oak Lawn Branch Library, Cranston** (directions below). 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.

The final session will be Wednesday, January 3 (snow date January 10), 7:00-9:00, at the Oak Lawn Branch Library, Cranston. Voting for a Rhode Island winner and honor books will take place using the balloting procedures of the real committee.

Note that outstanding informational books appear on the Mock Sibert list and outstanding picture books appear on the Mock Caldecott list. For Rhode Island's Mock Newbery only fiction is considered even though distinguished writing could appear in any genre.

Acampora, Paul. *Defining Dulcie*.

Avi. *Crispin: At the edge of the world*. (not discussed yet)

Budhos, Marina. *Ask Me No Questions*.

Carbone, Elisa. *Blood on the River: James Town 1607*.

Cooper, Susan. *Victory*.

Cushman, Karen. *The Loud Silence of Francine Green*.

DiCamillo, Kate. *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*.

Dowell, Frances O'Roark. *Phineas L. MacGuire ... Erupts*.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Water Street*. (not discussed yet)

Hale, Marian. *Dark Water Rising*.

Hale, Shannon. *River Secrets*.

Han, Jenny. *Shug*. (not discussed yet)

Holm, Jennifer. *Penny from Heaven*.

Jenkins, Emily. *Toys Go Out*.

Jones, Kimberly. *Sand Dollar Summer*.

Kadohata, Cynthia. *Weedflower*.

Kidd, Ronald. *Monkey Town*.

Levine, Gail Carson. *Fairest*.

Lisle, Janet Taylor. *Black Duck*.

Lord, Cynthia. *Rules*. (not discussed yet)

Lowry, Lois. *Gossamer*.

McKissack, Patricia. *Porch Lies: Tales of slicksters, tricksters, and other wily characters*.

Pennypacker, Sara. *Clementine*.

Roy, Jennifer Rozine. *Yellow Star*.

Stanley, Diane. *Bella at Midnight*.

Winthrop, Elizabeth. *Counting on Grace*.

Bolded titles were added for January.

Dropped from October and November:

Lin, Grace. *Year of the Dog*.

Paterson, Katherine. *Bread and Roses, Too*.

Peck, Richard. *Here Lies the Librarian*.

Riordan, Rick. *Sea of Monsters*.

Sachar, Louis. *Small Steps*.

Directions

Take Rt. 95 or Rt. 295 to Rt. 37 West. Go to the end and turn left at the light onto Phoenix Avenue. Continue to the next light and turn left onto Wilbur Avenue. The library is on the right opposite a church. Turn right onto the side street for parking.