

2012 Mock Newbery Discussion #1

It's time to start taking a close look at the children's novels of 2011. 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 28, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

St. Andrew's School, Barrington, RI

(Directions below)

Please register for this program: <http://www.olis.ri.gov/services/ce/regis.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, 2012 using the balloting procedures of the real committee.

2012 Mock Newbery Reading List #1

1. Barnhill, Kelly Regan. *The Mostly True Story of Jack*.
2. Bauer, Joan. *Close to Famous*.
3. Billingsly, Franny. *Chime*.
4. Birdsall, Jeanne. *The Penderwicks at Point Mouette*.
5. Fleming, Candace. *Amelia Lost*.
6. Holm, Jennifer L. *The Trouble with May Amelia*.
7. Lai, Thanhha. *Inside Out and Back Again*.
8. Patron, Susan. *Lucky for Good*.
9. Rocklin, Joanne. *One Day and One Amazing Morning on Orange Street*.
10. Schmidt, Gary. *Okay for Now*.
11. Shang, Wan-Long, Wendy. *The Great Wall of Lucy Wu*.
12. Stone, Phoebe. *The Romeo and Juliet Code*.
13. White, Ruth. *You'll Like it Here (Everybody Does)*.

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

Continuing sessions:

Mock Newbery Discussion #2
Wednesday, November 2, 2011
Providence Athenaeum
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Mock Newbery Discussion #3
Wednesday, December 7, 2011
Hampden Meadows School, Barrington
7:00 PM. – 9:00 PM.

Mock Newbery Discussion #4 (voting meeting)
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
Oak Lawn Branch Library, Cranston
7:00 PM – 9:00 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 to the left 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.