

Mock Newbery November Reading List

Sharpen your book discussion and evaluation skills. Please read one or (hopefully) more books for the meeting on **Thursday, November 30 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, at the Barrington Public Library** (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*.

Budhos, Marina. *Ask Me No Questions*. (not discussed in Oct.)

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

Cooper, Susan. *Victory*. (not discussed in Oct.)

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*.

Hale, Marian. *Dark Water Rising*.

Han, Jenny. *Shug*.

Holm, Jennifer. *Penny from Heaven*. (not discussed in Oct.)

Jones, Kimberly. *Sand Dollar Summer*.

Kadohata, Cynthia. *Weedflower*.

Kidd, Ronald. *Monkey Town*. (not discussed in Oct.)

Lisle, Janet Taylor. *Black Duck*.

Lord, Cynthia. *Rules*.

Lowry, Lois. *Gossamer*.

Riordan, Rick. *Sea of Monsters*.

Roy, Jennifer Rozine. *Yellow Star*. (not discussed in Oct.)

Sachar, Louis. *Small Steps*.

Stanley, Diane. *Bella at Midnight*. (not discussed in Oct.)

Bolded titles were added for November.

Dropped from October:

Lin, Grace. *Year of the Dog*.

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

Peck, Richard. *Here Lies the Librarian*.

This is a working list. Please feel free to send suggested titles to: melody_allen@olis.ri.gov

Directions

The Barrington Public Library is located at 281 County Rd (Rte 114).

From Rte 95:

Take Rte 95 (north or south) to Rte 195 east

Take exit 7 off Rte 195 (114 South, Barrington, Seekonk). Stay to the right off the exit.

Follow Rte 114 South about 6.5 miles to the second traffic light (First light is at the White Church)

Turn left at the traffic light, up the hill into the Government Center. Library is on the right, Town Hall on the left.

From Rte 114 heading north (Warren, Bristol)

Follow Rte 114 north over the Warren/Barrington river bridges.

At the fourth stoplight, turn right into the Government Center.