

## Mock Newbery November Reading List

Sharpen your book discussion and evaluation skills. Please read one or (hopefully) more books for the meeting on **Wednesday, November 28 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 2 (snow date January 9), 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: For Rhode Island's Mock Newbery only fiction is considered even though distinguished writing in any genre could be recognized by the Newbery Award Committee.

**Armstrong, Alan. *Raleigh's Page*.**

**Avi. *Traitor's Gate*.**

Babbitt, Natalie. *Jack Plank Tells Tales*.

**Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. *Lacemaker and the Princess*.**

**Bruchac, Joseph. *Bearwalker*.**

Clements, Andrew. *No Talking*.

**Compestine, Ying Chang. *Revolution Is Not a Dinner Party*.**

**Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Elijah of Buxton*.**

**Gantos, Jack. *I Am Not Joey Pigza*.**

**Kadohata, Cynthia.** *Cracker: The Best Dog in Vietnam.*

**Lafevers, R.L.** *Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos.*

MacLachlan, Patricia. *Edward's Eyes.*

O'Connor, Barbara. *How to Steal a Dog.*

Schmidt, Gary. *The Wednesday Wars.*

**Selznick, Brian.** *The Invention of Hugo Cabret.*

Stead, Rebecca. *First Light.*

**Stewart, Trenton Lee.** *The Mysterious Benedict Society.*

Tarshis, Lauren. *Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree.*

Wells, Rosemary. *Red Moon at Sharpsburg.*

White, Ruth. *Way Down Deep.*

**Wolf, Joan M.** *Someone Named Eva.*

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Feathers.*

Zimmer, Tracie Vaughn. *Reaching for Sun.*

**Bolded titles** were added for November.

Dropped from October:

Paulsen, Gary. *Lawn Boy.*

This is a working list. Please feel free to send suggested titles to: [melody\\_allen@olis.ri.gov](mailto:melody_allen@olis.ri.gov)

#### Directions

The Barrington Public Library is located at 281 County Rd (Rte 114). 247-1920

#### **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.

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