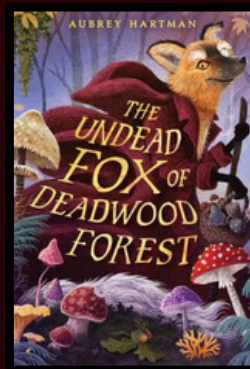
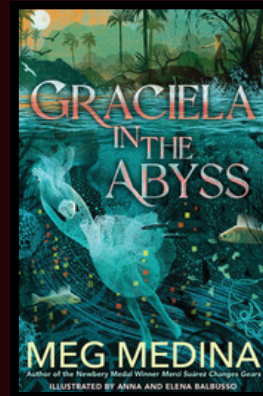
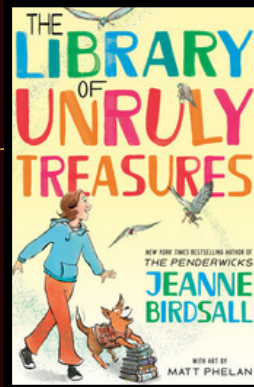
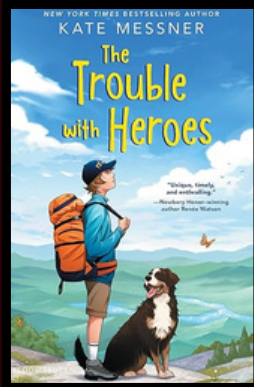


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MOCK NEWBERY

The annual SCLS Mock Newbery Discussion and Vote provides the opportunity to examine and evaluate some of the many titles eligible for the 2026 Newbery Medal.

We will be discussing **SIX** titles this year. The criteria for the Newbery Medal will provide the framework for our discussion. Please come prepared to make thoughtful contributions to the discussion of each title.

We will start our meeting by taking a brief look at the Newbery Medal and the criteria for the award. Then, we will introduce our books, discuss, and vote.

2026 Titles for Discussion:

Click on a title to be taken to the Livebrary catalog

[It's All or Nothing Vale by Andrea Beatriz Arango](#)

[The Library of Unruly Treasures by Jeanne Birdsall](#)

[The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest by Aubrey Hartman](#)

[Graciela in the Abyss by Meg Medina](#)

[The Trouble With Heroes by Kate Messner](#)

[Will's Race for Home by Jewell Parker Rhodes](#)



NEWBERY TERMS & CRITERIA

All of the books selected for our Mock Discussion meet the requirements for the Newbery.

- The Medal shall be awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published by an American publisher in the United States in English during the preceding year. The Award is restricted to authors who are citizens or residents of the United States.
- A form of written text (fiction, non-fiction, poetry, graphic novel; picture book; etc.)
- Have an intended audience of children up to and including age 14.
- Be in English (though it may include words from other languages).
- Be an original work that is distinguished and demonstrates excellence of quality among the following considerations: interpretation of theme or concept; presentation of information including accuracy, clarity, and organization; development of plot; delineation of characters and setting; and appropriateness of style for children.



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