

Suggested Reading for Children @ the New Brunswick Free Public Library

Award Winners

If you like Award Winners, check out these honored books:

Recommended for grades 2 and up

Sarah, Plain, and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

The story of Sarah, Caleb and Anna and their life on the prairie during the early 1900s has been delighting readers for over a decade.

Newberry Medal Winner

Scott O'Dell Historical Fiction Award

ALA Notable Children's Books

(Source: <http://www.kidsreads.com/series/index.asp>)

Call Number: J F MAC

Abel's Island by William Steig

Castaway on an uninhabited island, Abel, a very civilized mouse, finds his resourcefulness and endurance tested to the limit as he struggles to survive and return to his home.

Newberry Honor Book

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F STE

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.

Newberry Honor Book

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: JNEW F ATW

A Cricket In Times Square by George Selden

A country cricket falls into a picnic basket and ends up in New York City.

Massachusetts Book Award

Call Number: J F SEL

The Borrowers by Mary Norton

Miniature people who lived in an old country house by borrowing things from the humans are forced to emigrate from their home under the clock.

Carnegie Medal

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F NOR

Recommended for grades 4 and up

The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

Caldecott Medal Winner

ALA Notable Children's Book

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F SEL

The Higher Power of Lucky by Susan Patron with Illustrations by Matt Phelan

Fearing that her legal guardian plans to abandon her to return to France, ten-year-old aspiring scientist Lucky Trimble determines to run away while also continuing to seek the Higher Power that will bring stability to her life.

Newberry Medal Winner

ALA Notable Children's Books

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: JNEW F PAT

The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson

An eleven-year-old foster child tries to cope with her longings and fears as she schemes against everyone who tries to be friendly.

National Book Award

Garden State Children's Book Award

Parent's Choice Award

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F PAT

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIHM by Robert C. O'Brien

When a little field mouse falls ill, his mother, Mrs. Frisby, seeks help from the other animals and discovers a secret laboratory.

Newberry Medal Winner

Young Reader's Choice Award

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: JNEW F OBR

King of the Wind by Marguerite Henry

Traces the progression of Sham, a Moroccan horse, from its days as a carter's horse in France, to thoroughbred champion as the Godolphin Arabian at Newmarket, England, and the mute boy who cared for it all its life.

Newberry Medal Award Winner

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F JEN

Souder by William H. Armstrong

Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read and with the help of his devoted dog Sounder.

Newberry Model

Mark Twain Award

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: JNEW F ARM

Dogsong by Gary Paulsen

A fourteen-year-old Inuit boy who feels assailed by the modernity of his life takes a 1400-mile journey by dog sled across ice, tundra, and mountains seeking his own "song" of himself.

Newberry Honor Book

Call Number: J NEW F PAU

From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg

Claudia and her brother run away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where she sees a statue so beautiful, she must identify its sculptor. To find out, she must visit the statue's former owner, the elderly Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler.

Newberry Medal Winner

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: JNEW F KON

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

Newberry Medal Winner

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: JNEW F NAY

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town by Kimberly Willis Holt

During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal meet the star of a sideshow act, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world.

YALSA Best Books

ALA Notable Children's Book

School Library Journal Best Book

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F HOL