

The Newbery Challenge: An Exciting Reading Initiative

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Description: All librarians are looking for ways to foster literacy. The speaker will describe a program she spearheaded this past fall called “The Newbery Challenge” which got parents, students, and faculty reading. The Newbery Challenge is a mock Newbery Award Contest. Participants read preselected books that may win the Newbery, discuss them and vote before the real Newbery Award is given out. Noreen will describe how to implement this initiative from A to Z.

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