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Mock Book Awards Held at Sullivan BOCES

LIBERTY – Recently, eighteen School Library Media Specialists from Sullivan and Orange Counties met for the 7th Annual Mock Book Awards. The Mock Book Awards allows area Library Media Specialists the opportunity to come together to discuss and rate newly published school-aged books.

“I look forward to the Mock Book Awards every year,” said Lisa Metz, School Library Media Specialist at the Pine Bush Central. “It’s a great way to talk about what books are sparking an interest in students.”

The awards are broken down into three categories, Newbery, Caldecott, and Printz. The Newbery Medal is awarded to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children up to age 14. The Caldecott Medal is given to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. The Printz Award is an award for fiction, nonfiction, poetry or an anthology that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature ages 12 through 18.

The following books were selected by the group as the best books for the 2012-2013 school year.

**Newbery Medal:** Wonder by R.J. Palacio  
Honor Books: The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate  
Three Times Lucky by Sheila Turnage

**Caldecott Medal:** Magritte’s Marvelous Hat by D.B. Johnson  
Honor books: Mousturpeice: a mouse-sized guide to modern art by Jane Breskin Zalben  
Here come the Girl Scouts! By Shana Corey  
The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore by William Joyce  
Island: a Story of the Galapagos by Jason Chin

**Printz Medal:** Everyday by David Levithan  
Honor books: The Fault in our Stars by John Green  
Bomb: The Race to Build--and Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin
The American Library Association (ALA) holds the actual Book Awards. This year’s ALA ratings were slightly off from the choices of the Sullivan BOCES Mock Book Awards.

“Books are such a fantastic bridge for individuals of all ages,” said Randell Enos, Youth Services Consultant, Ramapo Library System, “The best part of this event is being able to focus on the quality of the books available to our students.”

If you would like more information about the School Library Program offered at Sullivan BOCES call (845) 295-4090 or log onto scboces.org.

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Randell Enos, Youth Services Consultant, Ramapo Library System announces the winners of the Mock Book Awards.