

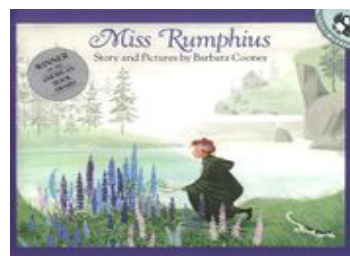
The New Jersey Center for the Book



A Continuing Celebration Miss Rumphius Award

The New Jersey Center for the Book proudly announces the continuing celebration of the Miss Rumphius Award. Based on the title character of Barbara Cooney's wonderful book, *Miss Rumphius*, which won the National Book Award in 1983, this award honors librarians and school media specialists who are stellar in spreading ideas and literacy, perpetuating the idea of excellence in our profession.

Miss Cooney, in her acceptance speech for the 1959 [Caldecott Medal](#), said, "I believe that children in this country need a more robust literary diet than they are getting. ... It does not hurt them to read about good and evil, love and hate, life and death. Nor do I think they should read only about things that they understand. '...a man's reach should exceed his grasp.' So should a child's. For myself, I will never talk down to—or draw down to—children."



The New Jersey Center for the Book calls for nominations for this award.

This year, in conjunction with the five year anniversary of the designation of the Newark Public Library as a New Jersey Literary Landmark, the nominating activity must be an exceptional application developed using Internet resources for learning and literacy. The nominee must be employed in New Jersey as a library professional. The activity should be collaborative, innovative, and replicable. The nominee must be willing to be a part of the replication process and be available on October 22, 2008, for a demonstration of the program. The activity will be published on the web site of The New Jersey Center for the Book.

The nomination shall include the full name of the nominee and the place of employment; shall describe the activity or program in complete detail; shall describe the setting in which it takes place; shall indicate the collaborative aspects; shall indicate the innovative aspects of the program or activity and indicate how it can be replicated; shall include the full name and title of the nominator with address, email, phone number and fax number. The nomination shall include a letter of support from an administrator, from a former or current student, from a client or patron, or from a member of the staff.

Nominations may be mailed to NJ Center for the Book Board Joan Bernstein, Director, Mount Laurel Library, 100 Walt Whitman Ave., Mount Laurel, NJ 08054; Jeb@mtlaurel.lib.nj.us, by September 1, 2008.