

Good Books, Good Times
Syllabus – June 18, June 25, July 9, July 16

Note: no class on July 2

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Week 1 June 18

- Introduction to class: Beverly and Barbara
- Class members introduce themselves and share what book from childhood or high school years made a difference to them as a reader. Do you still have the book? Bring it with you.
- Introduction to the author Avi – Celene Healy
- Ten minute break
- Overview of the themes in the story, Something Upstairs by Avi - Barbara
- Story read aloud – Beverly

Week 2 June 25

- Importance of illustration in children’s literature; the Caldecott Award
- We’ll take a look at books written and illustrated by Kadir Nelson.
- Ten minute presentation about Kadir Nelson – class volunteer requested
- Ten minute break
- 2019 Caldecott Award winning books and work by illustrators Wendell Minor and Jim LaMarche
- Story read aloud – Beverly

Week 3 July 9

- Discussion of Something Upstairs as preparation for Week 4 walking tour.
Note: class members are urged to read Avi’s book before this class. Everyone is asked to share their own observations in this discussion.
- Ten minute break
- An overview of books that highlight libraries, librarians, and the love of reading!
- Story read aloud and singalong; **Don’t miss this!**

Week 4 July 16

- Walking tour based on chapter 4 of Something Upstairs. Open the pages of this book and step into Providence history. Discover why hundreds of Rhode Island school children read this book every year and make the walk with their teachers and classmates.

