

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

GRADES 4 & 5

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

6:00 PM



What does a team manager do?

THE ADULT TEAM MANAGER MAY BE A PARENT, RELATIVE, OR ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF 18 WHO WILL SERVE AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE TEAM AND THE LIBRARIES. THE TEAM MANAGER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FILLING OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM, KEEPING THE TEAM MEMBERS MOTIVATED, ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH THEIR TEAM (IF DESIRED) AND ENSURING THAT ALL THE TEAM MEMBERS ARRIVE AT THE BATTLE BY 5:45 PM. TEAM MANAGERS ALSO ASSIST DURING THE BATTLE.

What is the procedure for the Battle?

THE BATTLE WILL BE HELD **THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026** AT THE CHARTIERS VALLEY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL. TEAM MEMBERS MUST ARRIVE BY 5:45 PM. THE BATTLE STARTS AT 6:00 PM. THERE ARE TWO ROUNDS. EACH ROUND WILL CONSIST OF 10 QUESTIONS...THERE IS ONE QUESTION PER BOOK (TIE BREAKER QUESTIONS WILL BE USED ONLY IF NECESSARY). THE MODERATOR WILL READ A QUESTION. THE TEAM WILL HAVE 30 SECONDS TO DECIDE AND WRITE AN ANSWER. THE ANSWER TO EACH QUESTION WILL BE A BOOK TITLE AND THE AUTHOR'S LAST NAME.

EACH QUESTION IS WORTH A POSSIBLE 5 POINTS:

- 4 POINTS FOR A CORRECT BOOK TITLE
 - **ACCEPTED ANSWERS ARE EITHER FULL BOOK TITLE OR APPROVED ABBREVIATION AS NOTED IN RED & ON ANSWER KEY.**
- 1 POINT FOR THE CORRECT AUTHOR'S LAST NAME.

ANSWERS MUST BE SPELLED CORRECTLY TO RECEIVE POINTS.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 20, 2026
QUESTIONS? CALL!

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What is Battle of the Books?

THE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS IS A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE READING AND GIVE RECOGNITION TO THOSE WHO LIKE TO READ. ALL TEAM MEMBERS READ FROM THE SAME LIST OF SELECTED BOOKS. THEY THEN COMPETE WITH OTHER TEAMS BY ANSWERING QUESTIONS BASED ON THE BOOKS.

Who may participate?

STUDENTS FROM CHARTIERS VALLEY IN 4TH & 5TH GRADE MAY COMPETE. PARTICIPANTS MUST ORGANIZE THEIR OWN TEAMS OF FOUR OR FIVE STUDENTS AND SUBMIT A REGISTRATION FORM TO SCOTT OR BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY. EACH TEAM MUST SELECT A MANAGER.

Registration

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 20, 2026. REGISTRATION FORMS MAY BE PICKED UP OR DOWNLOADED AT PARTICIPATING SITES. SPONSORED BY SCOTT TOWNSHIP & BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

How to Prepare:

PLAN A STRATEGY, READ BOOKS FROM THE LIST PROVIDED*, MEMORIZE THE WAY TITLES & AUTHORS MUST BE WRITTEN FOR THE BATTLE; APPROVED ABBREVIATIONS ARE THE WORDS IN RED & ALSO LISTED ON ANSWER KEY. CHOOSE A TEAM NAME AND DESIGN SHIRTS OR COSTUMES IF YOU'D LIKE. THE TEAM WITH THE BEST COSTUMES WINS A PRIZE.

**BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE TO CHECK OUT AT YOUR LIBRARIES.*

WIN A TROPHY OR CERTIFICATE FOR PARTICIPATING.
WIN A SPECIAL PRIZE FOR BEST COSTUME.
HAVE FUN!



Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
Pub. 1975 - 139 pages

A timeless story of young Winnie Foster who discovers a hidden spring, and the Tuck family who have been trying to hide the life altering secret of the spring for decades.



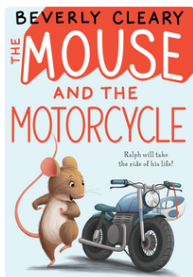
The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Pub. 2015 - 316 pages

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find a better life away from their abusive mother.



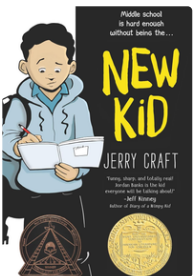
Wicked Marigold by Caroline Carlson
Pub. 2024 - 249 pages

If Marigold isn't as perfect as her older sister Rosalind, does that mean she's wicked? And is she too wicked, or just wicked enough, to save the kingdom with the help of a loyal kitchen boy, an imp with airs, and a grumpy blob?



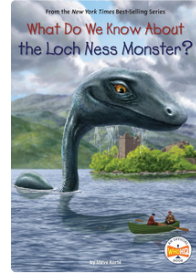
The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
Pub. 1965 - 158 pages

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.



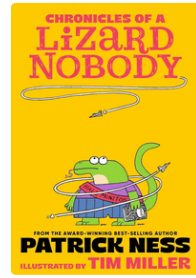
New Kid by Jerry Craft
Pub. 2019 - 249 pages

Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons, but instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics.



What Do We Know About the Loch Ness Monster by Steve Korté
Pub. 2022 - 112 pages

Sightings of Nessie, the creature of the lake, date back to the year 565. Learn all about the research, expeditions, and tests that provide clues about the Loch Ness Monster and whether or not she is real!



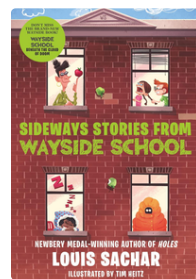
Chronicles of a Lizard Nobody by Patrick Ness
Pub. 2024 - 208 pages

Zeke gives up on popularity when the Monitor Lizards are named hall monitors. But can he be a hero when there's a wannabe supervillain roaming the halls of their school?



The Sherlock Society by James Ponti
Pub. 2024 - 339 pages

Alex Sherlock, sister Zoe, and their friends Lina and Yadi decide to spend their summer investigating cold cases their grandfather accumulated during his years as a reporter. First up, Al Capone and a buried treasure.



Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar
Pub. 1978 - 128 pages

Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.



The Lost Library by Rebecca Stead
Pub. 2023 - 215 pages

When a mysterious little free library appears (guarded by an orange cat) Evan discovers a link between one of the old books and a long-ago event that none of the grown-ups want to talk about. Coauthored by Wendy Mass.