

WHAT IS THE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS?

Battle of the Books is a competition in which teams read from a list of 10 books picked by the Children's Department of the Sewickley Public Library and answer questions based on those books! We encourage teams to dress up and have fun with their team themes! There is also a team poster contest the evening of battle. **Posters are due to the library on March 6, 2023.**

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

Fourth grade students should have a LIBRARY CARD IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY to be eligible to participate in the Battle of the Books. Participants should organize their own teams and submit a registration form to the library. Teams may be made up from different schools and neighbors. Each team should consist of five members, an adult team manager and a team name. All five team members will participate in the competition. A student may only be on one team.

HOW DOES A TEAM REGISTER?

New this year, Battle Books registration forms will be available on the SPL Children's Department website. Online registration begins, Wednesday, January 4th. All teams should be registered by January 31.

All team managers SHOULD attend the virtual info meeting on Zoom Thursday, January 26, 6:30 - 7:15

An email link will be sent to the team manager when they complete the registration form. Copies of the reading list will be distributed at the the Zoom meeting.



Great stories start here.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE BATTLE?

Teams participating in the "BATTLE" will meet at 6:45 PM at Sewickley Academy on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Each team will be seated in a circle. After the moderator reads a question, each team will have 30 seconds to confer and decide upon the answer to the question. The team captain will write the answer on the paper provided. Answers must be complete and specific. 4 points are awarded for the correct response and 1 point is given if the team writes the author's last name; spelling counts. Each team will have the option to challenge up to 1 question and/or answer.

WHAT DOES A TEAM MANAGER DO?

The adult team manager may be a parent, teacher, relative or anyone over the age of 18 who will serve as the contact person between the team and the Sewickley Public Library. The team manager is responsible for filling out and returning the registration form to the library, keeping the team members motivated, and arranging team transportation to and from the site of the Battle of the Books Tournament. Team managers will serve as assistants during the tournament.

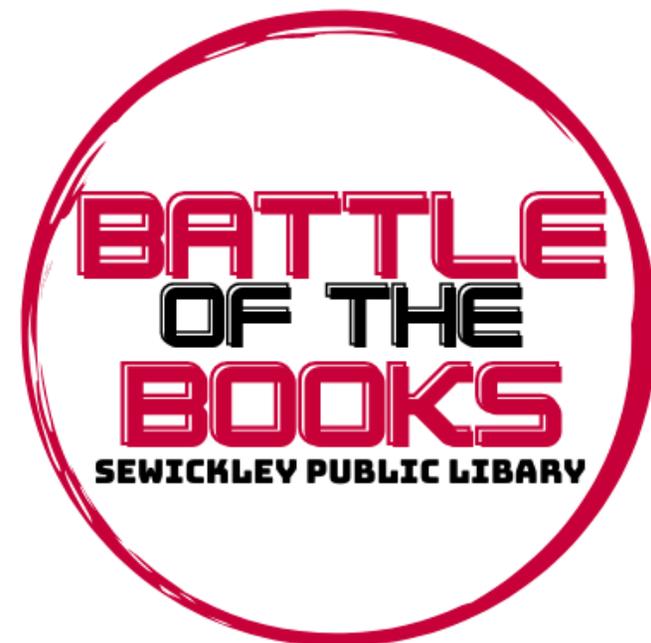
IMPORTANT DATES

4th Grade Team Manager Meeting:(on Zoom) Thursday, January 26, 2023 @ 6:30 - 7:15 PM

4th Grade Battle of the Books: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 @ 7:00p Sewickley Academy

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Children's Department at 412-741-0937



**Battle Date:
Tuesday, April 11,
2023 at 7:00 PM
Sewickley Academy**

Willodeen - Katherine Applegate
When the annual migration of hummingbirds, a source of local pride and income, dwindles and no one knows why, Willodeen, armed with a magical birthday gift, speaks up for the animals she loves and vows to uncover this mystery. **L**

James and the Giant Peach - Roald Dahl
A young boy escapes from two wicked aunts and embarks on a series of adventures with six giant insects he meets inside a giant peach. **CD**

Dragons in a Bag - Zetta Elliott
In Brooklyn, nine-year-old Jax joins Ma, a curmudgeonly witch who lives in his building, on a quest to deliver three baby dragons to a magical world, and along the way discovers his true calling. **CD, L**

The Great Treehouse War - Lisa Graff
Fifth-grader Winnie, with notes from her friends, writes of turning her treehouse into an embassy after her newly-divorced parents become unreasonable, where she is joined by nine others with complaints. **CD, L**

CD = Book on CD
P = Playaway
L = Digital copies on Libby
H = Digital copies on Hoopla

Spy School (Graphic Novel) - Stuart Gibbs
When a case of mistaken identity lands him at the junior CIA academy, Ben Ripley realizes he might be a halfway decent spy--if he can survive all the attempts made on his life.

Houdini and Me - Dan Gutman
A young magic enthusiast living in the former New York City home of the late Harry Houdini begins receiving texts from someone claiming to be the ghost of the famed illusionist, who needs help coming back to life. **CD, P, L, H**

Da Vinci's Cat - Catherine Gilbert Murdock
Using a mysterious wardrobe that allows them to travel through time, two eleven-year-olds, Federico a boy from the Italian Renaissance and Bee a girl from present-day New Jersey, work together to prevent the bickering between two great artists from changing the future. **CD, P, H**

Ghost Squad - Claribel Ortega
Shortly before Halloween, Lucely and her best friend, Syd, cast a spell that accidentally awakens malicious spirits, wreaking havoc throughout St. Augustine. Together, they must join forces with Syd's witch grandmother, Babette, and her tubby tabby, Chunk, to fight the haunting head-on and reverse the curse to save the town and Lucely's firefly spirits before it's too late. **P, L, H**

One Small Hop - Madelyn Rosenberg
Ahab Goldstein is a seventh-grader living in an United States (specifically Maine) where the environment has turned toxic, and the corrupt Environmental Police Force is in control, limiting access to natural resources like gas and water, issuing fines, and transporting "fragile" species (pretty much all of them) to the Center for Species Rehabilitation in New Arcadia (a dubious refuge at best); so when Ahab and his friends find a real live bullfrog on an island in the toxic harbor, possibly the last one in America, they are faced with a choice--turn it over (NO!), leave it alone, or bike to Canada to find it a mate.

I Survived the Wellington Avalanche, 1910 - Lauren Tarshis
The Wellington snow slide of 1910 was—and still is—the deadliest avalanche in America's history. Lauren Tarshis's story of one child surviving the frozen nightmare pounds with page-turning action and heartwarming hope. **P, L, H**

