

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?

Fifth 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, 7:30 -8:15

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 Thursday, April 13, 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

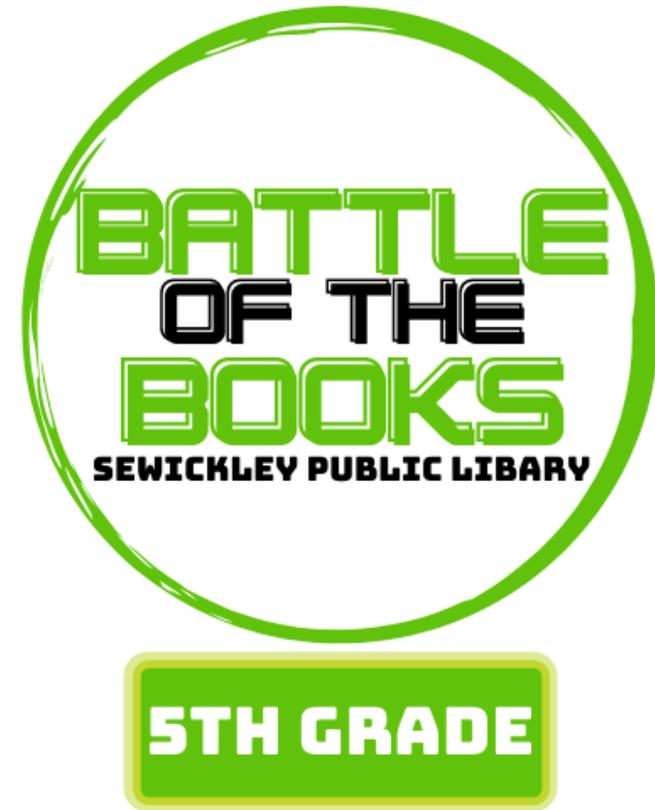
5th Grade Team Manager Meeting:(on Zoom) Thursday, January 26, 2023 @ 7:30 - 8:15 PM

5th Grade Battle of the Books:

Thursday, April 13, 2023 @ 7:00pm - Sewickley Academy

QUESTIONS

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



**Battle Date:
Thursday, April 13,
2023 at 7:00 PM
Sewickley Academy**

Amari and the Night Brother (Supernatural Investigations, 1) - B.B. Alston

Thirteen-year-old Amari, a poor Black girl from the projects, gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and join in the fight against an evil magician. **CD, P, L, H**

Aru Shah and the End of Time (Graphic Novel) - Roshani Chokshi

Telling fibs in order to fit in better with her wealthier peers, 12-year-old Aru Shah spends her school break at the Museum of Ancient Indian Art and Culture, where her decision to light a cursed lamp unwittingly releases an ancient demon. **L**

The Lion of Mars - Jennifer Holm

Bell has spent his whole life on Mars. But he's still just a regular kid - he loves cats, any kind of cake, and is curious about the secrets the adults in the US colony are keeping. Like, why don't have contact with anyone on the other Mars colonies? Why are they so isolated? When a virus breaks out and the grown-ups all fall ill, Bell and the other children are the only ones who can help. **L,P**

The Curse of the Mummy: Uncovering Tutankhamun's Tomb - Candice Fleming

The edge-of-your-seat true story of the search for Tutankhamun's tomb, the Western public's belief that the dig was cursed, and the battle for ownership of the treasures within. **CD, P, H**

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

Front Desk - Kelly Yang

After emigrating from China, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel, despite the nasty owner, Mr. Yao, who exploits them, while she works the front desk and tries to cope with fitting in at her school. **L,P**

The Strangers (Greystone Secrets #1) - Margaret Peterson Haddix

Chess, Emma, and Finn Greystone, ages twelve, ten, and eight, investigate why their mother went missing and uncover their ties to an alternate world. **L, H**

Starfish - Lisa Fipps

Bullied and shamed her whole life for being fat, twelve-year-old Ellie finally gains the confidence to stand up for herself, with the help of some wonderful new allies. **L**

Bridge to Terabithia - Katherine Paterson

Ten-year-old Jesse Aarons, who has lived all his life on a farm in Virginia, becomes friends with Leslie Burke, a "city girl" who has moved into a farmhouse down the road and opens doors to culture and imaginative play. But then tragedy strikes. **CD, P, L, H**

Other Words for Home - Jasmine Warga

Sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in Cincinnati when her Syrian community is overshadowed by violence, Jude worries for the beloved family members who were left behind and forges a new sense of identity shaped by friends and changing perspectives. **CD,P, L, H**

Ban this Book: A Novel - Alan Gratz

A fourth grader fights back when From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg is challenged by a well-meaning parent and taken off the shelves of her school library. Amy Anne and her lieutenants wage a battle for the books that will make you laugh and pump your fists as they start a secret banned books locker library, make up ridiculous reasons to ban every single book in the library to make a point, and take a stand against censorship. **L,CD**

