

**4TH
GRADE**

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Sewickley Public Library

**30
YEARS!**

Rump: The (Fairly) True Tale of Rumpelstiltskin - Liesl Shurtliff



In a magic kingdom where your name is your destiny, 12-year-old Rump is the butt of everyone's joke. But when he finds an old spinning wheel, his luck seems to change.

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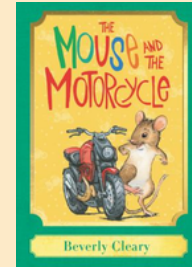
Maniac Magee - Jerry Spinelli



After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

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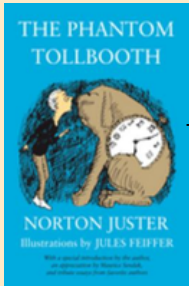
The Mouse and the Motorcycle - Beverly Cleary



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.

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The Phantom Tollbooth - Norton Juster



Milo, a young boy with little interest in anything, takes a trip through the Phantom Tollbooth to the Lands Beyond where he meets an enchanting cast of characters that teaches him the

importance of words, numbers, ideas, creativity, and enthusiasm for life.

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Who Were the Tuskegee Airmen? - Sherri L. Smith

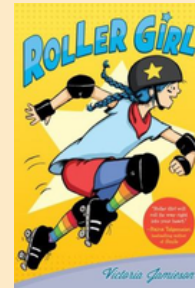


Details the grueling training sessions and the thrilling flight missions of the Tuskegee Airmen, the first African American military pilots, and shines a light on

the lives of these brave men who helped pave the way for the integration of the US armed forces.

L, S

Roller Girl - Victoria Jamieson



A graphic novel adventure about a twelve-year-old girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart.

L, W, S

Alternative Formats:

L = Libby W = Wonderbook
CD = Book on CD H = Hoopla
P = Playaway MP3 S + SORA

The Magician's Elephant - Kate DiCamillo



The orphan boy Peter sets out to find his missing sister. He asks a fortune teller if she is still alive. She advises him to find a magician with an elephant. Peter must then complete three difficult tasks.

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Wishtree - Katherine Applegate

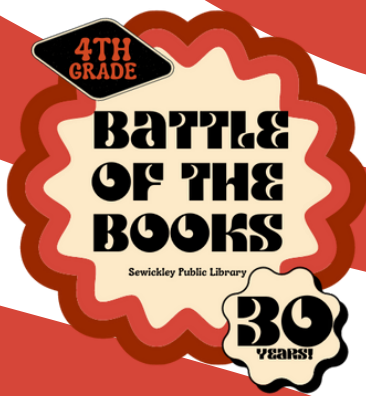


Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is the neighborhood "wishtree" -- people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. Along with a crow named Bongo and other animals who seek refuge in Red's hollows, this wishtree watches over the neighborhood. You might say that Red has seen it all. Until a new family moves in. **L, P, S**



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4TH GRADE INFORMATION

4th Grade Battle: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Edgeworth Elementary School

WHAT IS THE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS?

The Battle of the Books is a program designed to encourage reading and to give recognition to those who like to read. Team members read from a list of books selected by the Children's Department of the Sewickley Public Library, and compete with other teams by answering questions based on the books. We also have a team poster contest and we encourage teams to dress up in themed costumes for the evening of the Battle. The poster contest is the evening of the battle. Posters are due to the library by March 6.

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 on the library website. Teams may be made up from different schools and neighbors. Each team should consist of four to 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.

WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE FOR THE "BATTLE"?

Teams participating in the "BATTLE" will meet at 6:45 PM at Edgeworth Elementary on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. 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 ability to challenge 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 ZOOM Meeting: Tuesday, January 30, at 6:30 - 7:15 PM

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QUESTIONS

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