

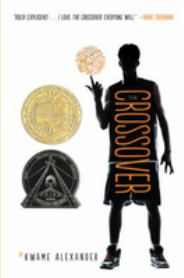
5TH GRADE

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Sewickley Public Library

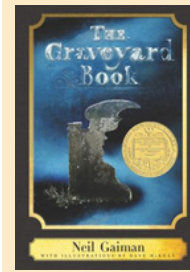
30 YEARS!

The Crossover - Kwame Alexander



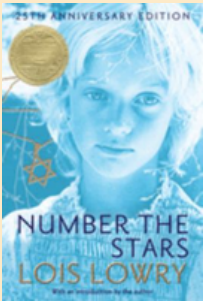
Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health. **L, P, W, H, S**

The Graveyard Book - Neil Gaiman



This is the story of Bod, a boy raised in a graveyard who isn't sure where he belongs. **L, CD, P, H, S**

Number the Stars - Lois Lowry



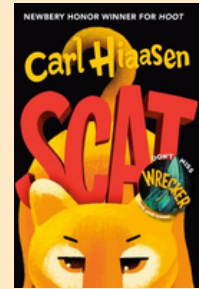
In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis. **L, P, W, S**

When Stars are Scattered - Victoria Jamieson



Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp. When an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother. **L, P, W, S**

Scat - Carl Hiaasen



Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing. **L, CD, S**

Ella Enchanted - Gail Carson Levine



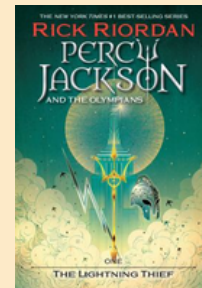
In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her. **P, H, S**

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH - Robert C. O'Brien



Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived. **L, CD, H, S**

The Lightning Thief - Rick Riordan



After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. **L, P, S**

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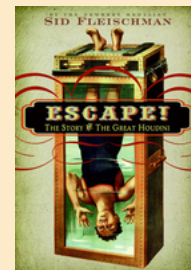
L = Libby **W = Wonderbook**
CD = Book on CD **H = Hoopla**
P = Playaway MP3 **S = Sora**

The Westing Game - Ellen Raskin



The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance. **L, CD, S**

Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini - Sid Fleischman



How did he walk through walls, escape drowning, and shatter iron chains that were tightly wrapped around him? But just remember, a true magician never reveals his tricks. . . . **L, S**



5TH GRADE INFORMATION



5th Grade Battle: Thursday, April 11, 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 7:30 - 8:15 PM

4th Grade Battle of the Books: Thursday, April 11, at 7:00pm - Edgeworth Elementary School

QUESTIONS

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