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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2025

WHAT IS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS?

A reading competition for all fourth and fifth graders in the Birmingham Public School District, designed to foster a love of reading and encourage students to read books outside their comfort zone.

Students read six books and compete against other teams in a battle of trivia questions.

Battle books will be announced and available for checkout on Kickoff Day: Monday, December 2, 2024.

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS MULTIPLE COPIES IN PRINT, AUDIO, AND ELECTRONIC FORMATS FOR STUDENTS TO CHECK OUT.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

All fourth and fifth graders who attend a Birmingham Public School are eligible to participate. Each team must have 3 to 6 students and one adult team coach. It is not necessary for team members to attend the same school or be in the same grade. Students are responsible for forming their own teams. If you cannot find a team by Saturday, February 1, 2025 and have exhausted all resources, please contact Head of Youth Services, Stephanie Klimmek at Stephanie.klimmek@baldwinlib.org.

HOW DO THE TEAMS REGISTER?

Registration begins on Monday, January 6, 2025. The team coach should submit one registration form for the team.

The registration form is found on the Library's website at www.baldwinlib.org/battle-of-the-books/.

The last day for registration is Friday, February 28, 2025.

WHAT DOES THE COACH DO?

The coach is the contact person between the Battle team and the Baldwin Public Library. Coaches help their team create a name and build team spirit, register their team for Battle, make sure their team has transportation to and from the Battle, and make sure their team knows what to expect on Battle Day. A coach may be any interested adult: parents, grandparents, teachers, aunts, uncles, babysitters, etc.

WHEN IS THE BATTLE?

THE BATTLE WILL TAKE PLACE AT GROVES HIGH SCHOOL ON SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M.

Teams should arrive at Groves between 9:30 and 9:45 a.m. (doors will not open until 9:30 a.m.).

The Battle will start at 10:00 a.m. and end by 11:30 a.m.

**GO
TEAM!**

BATTLE DAY

- Students will use their BPS issued mobile device and Google Forms to answer questions. More details about this will be shared with registered teams.
- Bring something to sit on as teams sit together on the gym floor. Small blankets, BPS issued mobile device, and covered water bottles are allowed but all other items, including food, other mobile devices, and personal items must be left in the stands.
- Coaches should help their team find their spot on the gym floor and ensure the team has everything they need. Coaches then head to the stands where they can cheer on their team. Coaches do not sit with their teams during Battle.
- There are 25 multiple choice questions with a total of 50 possible points. Questions are worth 1, 2, or 3 points and point values will be noted with each question.
- The moderator will read the question twice. Students have 20 seconds to choose the right answer in the Google Form and then the next question will be read.
- There are three fill-in-the-blank tie breaker questions that will be used only in case of a tie for first, second, or third place.
- After all questions have been read and all Google Forms have been submitted, the moderator will give the correct answers.
- Teams found cheating and/or communicating with audience members risk disqualification.
- First, second, and third place winners will receive a prize. Spirit wear is encouraged. Awards will be given for Best Team Name and Best Team Spirit.

QUESTIONS

THERE ARE 25 QUESTIONS TAKEN FROM THE 6 BOOKS WITH A TOTAL OF 50 POSSIBLE POINTS.
THE BATTLE QUESTIONS WILL FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING:

- A direct quote from a character in the book
- A question about something that happens in the book
- A passage taken directly from the book
- A question about something from an illustration or a picture
- A question about a title and/or author

IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE VISIT THE BATTLE WEBSITE AT BALDWINLIB.ORG/BATTLE
OR CONTACT STEPHANIE KLIMMEK AT STEPHANIE.KLIMMEK@BALDWINLIB.ORG.

IMPORTANT DATES!

KICKOFF:
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024

TEAM REGISTRATION:
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025

LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION:
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025

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