

You will need to have a responsible person, 18 years or over, to act as your **Team Manager**. The Team Manager is there to help you get organized, practice for the battle, and provide transportation the night of the event. In the past, teams have asked a parent, a teacher, an older sibling, or their school librarian to be Team Managers.

Here are some rules that you'll need to know about before heading into library to check out books for the Battle of the Books:

1. Books may be borrowed for 1 week and renewed once.
2. There is a limit of **2 books allowed on a single library card at one time**.
3. The books can only be borrowed on a library card belonging to a team member. **Team Managers are not to check out books for their teams**.
4. The books will be available at Sewickley Library, Moon Library, and your school libraries.
5. Overdue fines for Battle Books are **\$.25/day**.
6. If the library doesn't have the book because all copies have been checked out, ask a librarian to order you a copy from another library— this service is free!

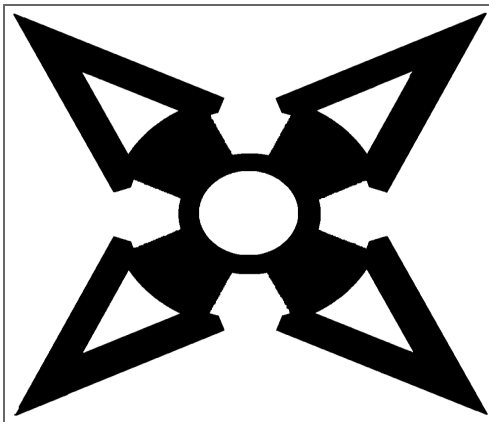
So now, here's what happens on the night of the Book Battle. First, your team will need to arrive at Hansen Library 15 minutes before the start time (that's 6:45 PM). You'll sign in and set up your table. Each team will be given a pad of paper and a pencil to use. Your team manager will be present, but he/she will be working as a Scorekeeper for another team to be named at the battle.

The Battle Moderator will begin by asking the first question twice. Once the question is asked twice, the Timekeeper will allow **20 seconds for teams to deliberate and write down their answers**. At the end of the 20 seconds, one team will have the chance to answer out loud (the answering team will vary every question). The Battle Moderator will announce the correct answer and the Team Scorekeepers will mark how many points were won. If your team answers correctly you get 4 points plus a bonus point if you can give the last name of the author. **This means that each question is worth a potential 5 points. Answers must be specific.** The moderator and judges will decide if an answer given is correct, and **that decision is final**. There will be three rounds with one question from each book per round.

At the end of each round, scorecards will be collected and verified. At the end of the third round, the Judges will tally all scores. If there is a tie, a special lightening round will take place between the tied teams. Once a clear winner has been made, the Battle Moderator will announce the winners. **The top three teams will receive prizes.**

So, are you interested yet? To get started grab this booklist and a registration form. Find four friends in 7th and/or 8th grade, find a responsible adult to be a Team Manager, create a name for your team, and start reading!!! All final registration forms are due **Friday, January 27, 2012 by 5:00 PM.**

Questions??? Visit the **B.O.B WIKI @**
info4BOB.blogspot.com/



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7TH & 8TH GRADE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2012



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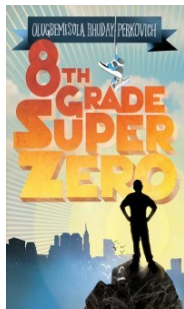
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**Sewickley Academy's
Hansen Library**

A Note to Parents and Team Managers

Choosing titles for B.O.B. can be a challenging task! The selected books for 2012 were chosen based on their student appeal, diverse subject matter and characters, representation of a wide variety of genres, and their literary merit. The books were each read, reviewed, and discussed by a team of school and public librarians. Should you have a concern about one of the titles, please feel free to contact Moon or Sewickley libraries.

Thank you,
Heather Panella, Moon Township Public Library
Kelly Rottmund, Sewickley Public Library

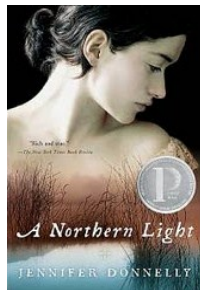


8th Grade Superzero by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich

After half-heartedly joining his church youth group's project at a homeless shelter near his Brooklyn middle school, eighth-grade "loser" Reggie McKnight is inspired to run for school office on a platform of making a real difference in the community.

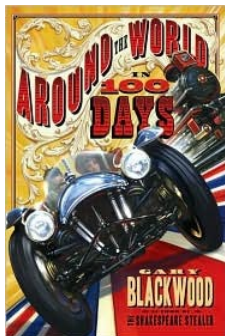
A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly

In 1906, sixteen-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and fiancé, takes a job at a summer inn where she discovers the truth about the death of a guest.



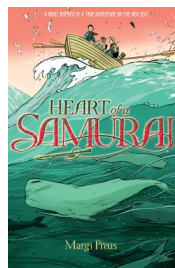
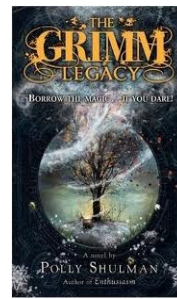
Around the World in 100 Days by Gary Blackwood

When seventeen-year-old Harry Fogg undertakes a race against time to win a wager with a member of his famous father's club, he puts to good use the recklessness and fascination with all things mechanical that have caused him trouble in Victorian England.



The Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman

New York high school student Elizabeth gets an after-school job as a page at the "New-York Circulating Material Repository," and when she gains coveted access to its Grimm Collection of magical objects, she and the other pages are drawn into a series of frightening adventures involving mythical creatures and stolen goods.



Heart of a Samurai by Margi Preus

In 1841, rescued by an American whaler after a terrible shipwreck leaves him and his four companions castaways on a remote island, fourteen-year-old Manjiro, who dreams of becoming a samurai, learns new laws and customs as he becomes the first Japanese person to set foot in the United States.

Incarceron by Catherine Fisher

To free herself from an upcoming arranged marriage, Claudia, the daughter of the Warden of Incarceron, a futuristic prison with a mind of its own, decides to help a young prisoner escape.



Pop by Gordon Korman

Lonely after a midsummer move to a new town, sixteen-year-old high-school quarterback Marcus Jordan becomes friends with a retired professional linebacker who is great at training him, but whose childish behavior keeps Marcus in hot water.

Rot and Ruin by Jonathan Maberry

In a post-apocalyptic world where fences and border patrols guard the few people left from the zombies that have overtaken civilization, fifteen-year-old Benny Imura is finally convinced that he must follow in his older brother's footsteps and become a bounty hunter.

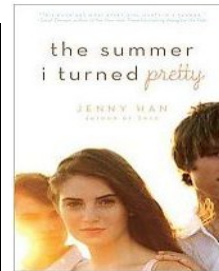


Smile by Raina Telgemeier

When she was in sixth grade, Telgemeier tripped while running and lost her two front teeth. In the years that followed, she went through a torturous series of dental surgeries and repairs, the trauma of which was mirrored by the social struggles she experienced during her adolescence.

The Summer I Turned Pretty by Jenny Han

Belly spends the summer she turns sixteen at the beach just like every other summer of her life, but this time things are very different.



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Battle of the Books Information for Students

The Battle of the Books is a competition where teams made up of five teens (in this case 7th & 8th graders) read the chosen books and then participate in a trivia contest about those books. It's a fun way to get some recreational reading done and actually get rewarded for it with some great prizes.

As a team, you need to assign the books to be read by the various team members. You can have each team member read two books, have all team members read all books, or some combination between. It's really up to you!

