

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.

Overdue fines for Battle Books are **\$.25/day**.

1. 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 at 6:30 for preparations and a **pizza party!** 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.

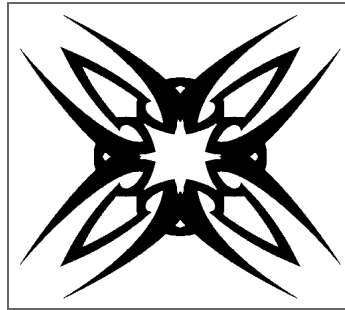
The Battle Moderator will begin by asking the first question twice. Once the question is asked twice, the Timekeeper will allow **20 seconds for teams to deliberate and write down their answers**. At the end of the 20 seconds, one team will have the chance to answer out loud (the answering team will 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 9th-12th 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, 2011 at 5:00 PM**.

**Questions??? Visit the B.O.B Blog @  
[info4bob.blogspot.com](http://info4bob.blogspot.com)**



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# **HIGH SCHOOL**

# **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

## **2012**



**Moon Township Public  
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Sewickley Public Library**

**Monday, March 5, 2012  
6:30 PM**

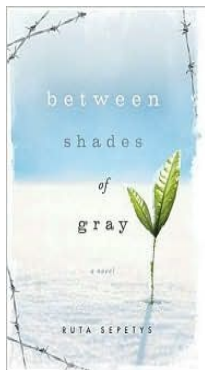
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**Sewickley Academy's  
Hansen Library**

### 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

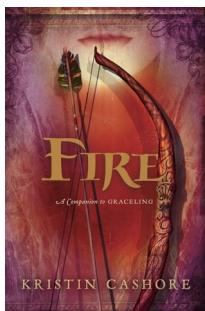
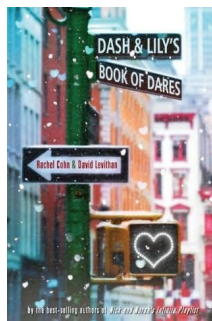


### ***Between Shades of Gray*** by Ruta Sepetys

In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil.

### ***Dash and Lily's Book of Dares*** by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan

Told in the alternating voices of Dash and Lily, two sixteen-year-olds carry on a wintry scavenger hunt at Christmas-time in New York, neither knowing quite what—or who—they will find.



### ***Fire*** by Kristin Cashore

In a kingdom called the Dells, Fire is the last human-shaped monster, with unimaginable beauty and the ability to control the minds of those around her, but even with these gifts she cannot escape the strife that overcomes her world.

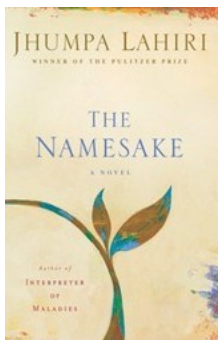
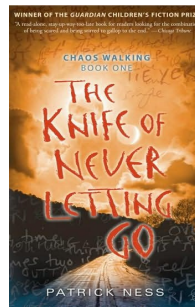


### ***Hold Still*** by Nina LaCour

As she reads the journal left by her best friend, who committed suicide, Caitlin struggles with powerful feelings of loss, sadness, and guilt, but friends and a first love help her to cope with her negative emotions.

### ***The Knife of Never Letting Go*** by Patrick Ness

Pursued by power-hungry Prentiss and mad minister Aaron, young Todd and Viola set out across New World searching for answers about his colony's true past and seeking a way to warn the ship bringing hopeful settlers from Old World.

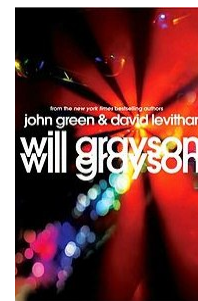
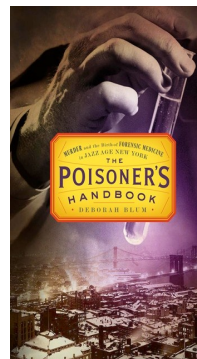


### ***The Namesake*** by Jhumpa Lahiri

A portrait of the immigrant experience follows the Ganguli family from their traditional life in India through their arrival in Massachusetts in the late 1960s and their difficult melding into an American way of life.

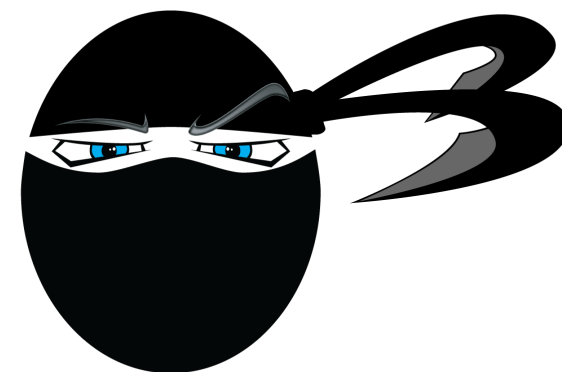
### ***The Poisoner's Handbook*** by Deborah Bloom

Pulitzer Prize-winning science journalist Blum makes chemistry come alive in her enthralling account of two forensic pioneers in early 20th-century New York. Blum cleverly divides her narrative by poison, providing not only a puzzling case for each noxious substance but the ingenious methods devised by the medical examiner's office to detect them. Before the advent of forensic toxicology, which made it possible for the first time to identify poisons in corpses, Gettler learned the telltale signs of everything from cyanide to the bright pink flush that signals carbon monoxide poisoning.



### ***Will Grayson, Will Grayson*** by John Green and David Levithan

When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both.



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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 9th-12th 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!