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!

> **Important Change: Teams will be required to know how to correctly spell authors' last names in order to receive credit.**

You will need to have a responsible person, 18 years or over, to act as your **Team Manager**. The 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 a Team Manager.

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

- 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**.
- The books will be available at Sewickley Library, Moon Library, and your school libraries.
- Overdue fines for Battle Books are **$.25/day**.
- 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!

Here's what happens on the night of the Book Battle. First, your team will need to arrive at Hansen Library at least 15 minutes before the start time You'll sign in and set up your table. Your team manager will be present, but he/she will be working as a Scorekeeper for a different team.

The Battle Moderator will begin by asking the first question twice. After the question is asked twice, teams will have **20 seconds write down their answers**. Play will continue in this manner for the next 4 questions. The Moderator will announce the answers for the first 5 questions. **If your team answers correctly you get 4 points, plus a bonus point if you can give the last name of the author, spelled correctly.** This means that each question is worth a potential 5 points.

The moderator and judges will decide if an answer given is correct, and **that decision is final**. Play will resume as above for the rest of the round. 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 6th 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**, **February 6, 2015 by 5:00 PM.**
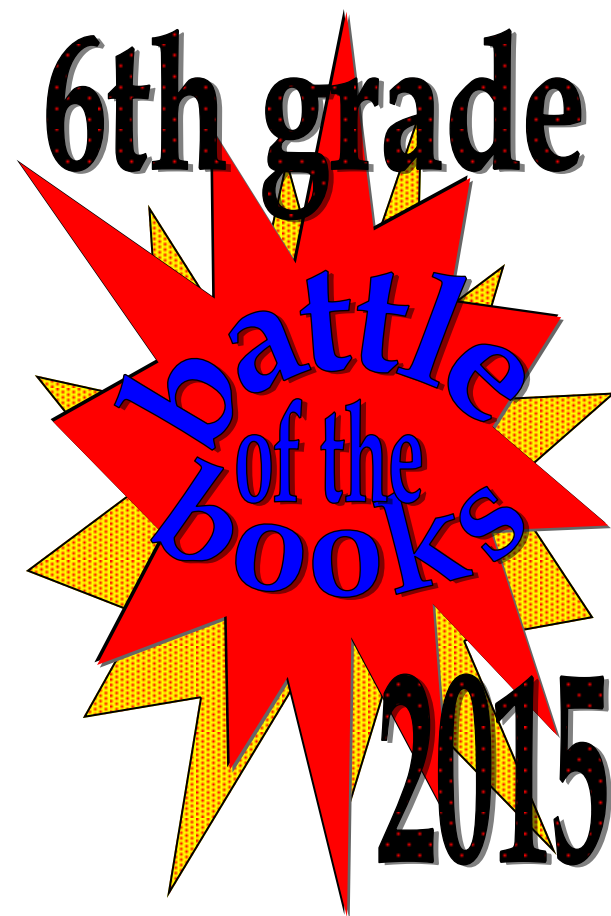
Questions??? Visit the B.O.B WIKI @ info4BOB.blogspot.com/

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6th grade battle of the books 2015

Moon Township Public Library & Sewickley Public Library

## Tuesday, February 24, 2015 7:00 PM @ Sewickley Academy's Hansen Library

Better Nate Than Ever by Tim Federle
Nate Foster has big dreams. His whole life, he's wanted to star on Broadway. But how is Nate supposed to make his dreams come true when he's stuck in Jankburg, Pennsylvania, where no one appreciates a good show tune? With Libby's help, Nate plans a daring overnight escape to New York. There's an open casting call for *E.T.: The Musical*, and Nate knows this could be the difference between small-town blues and big-time stardom.
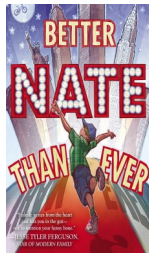
Doll Bones by Holly Black
Zach, Poppy, and Alice have been playing the same game for years, one involving pirates and mermaids and, of course, the Great Queen—a creepy, bone-china doll. Then Poppy reveals that she's been haunted by a girl whose ground-up bones lie inside the Great Queen, so the doll must be properly buried. The three agree to play one last game and hope against hope for "a real adventure."

Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making by Catherynne Valente
Cathrynne Valente's book follows twelve-year-old September, a girl from Omaha, Nebraska, who finds herself whisked away by a fast-talking gentleman called the Green Wind to the world of Fairyland where she has to retrieve a witch's spoon from the fickle Marquess.
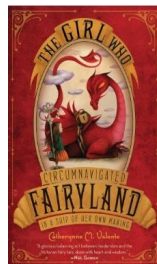
Hold Fast by Blue Balliett
On a cold winter day in Chicago, Early's father disappeared, and now she, her mother and her brother have been forced to flee their apartment and join the ranks of the homeless--and it is up to Early to hold her family together and solve the mystery surrounding her father.

Laugh With the Moon by Shana Burg
Clare Silver is stuck in denial about her mother's recent death. Stuck in the African jungle. Stuck with her father, a doctor who seems able to heal everyone but Clare. Clare feels like a fish out of water at Mzanga Full Primary School. Soon she becomes immersed in her new home and impressed with her fellow students. When Clare's new friends take her on an outing, the trip goes horribly wrong, and Clare must face another heartbreak head-on.
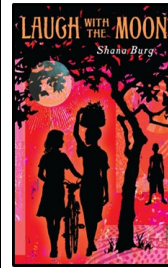
Mark of the Dragonfly by Jaleigh Johnson
Since her father's death in a factory in the Dragonfly territories, thirteen-year-old Piper has eked out a living as a scrapper in Merrow Kingdom, but the arrival of a mysterious girl sends her on a dangerous journey to distant lands.
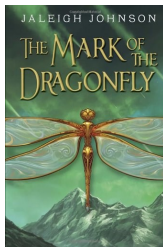
One Safe Place by Tania Unsworth
In a near future world of heat, greed, and hunger, Devin earns a coveted spot in a home for abandoned children that promises unlimited food and toys and the hope of finding a new family, but Devin discovers the home's horrific true mission when he investigates its intimidating Administrator and the zombie-like sickness that afflicts some children.

The Paperboy by Vince Vawter
Little Man throws the meanest fastball in town. But talking is a whole different ball game. He can barely say a word without stuttering—not even his own name. So when he takes over his best friend's paper route for the month of July, he's not exactly looking forward to interacting with the customers. But it's the neighborhood junkman, a bully and thief, who stirs up real trouble in Little Man's life.

Sure Signs of Crazy by Karen Harrington
Twelve-year-old Sarah writes letters to her hero, To Kill a Mockingbird's Atticus Finch, for help understanding her mentally ill mother, her first real crush, and life in her small Texas town, all in the course of one momentous summer.

Titanic: Voices From the Disaster by Deborah Hopkinson
The author weaves together the voices of children, passengers in all classes, the captain, and crew members to provide a unique account of the tragedy complete with archival photographs and historical sources that paint a picture of the grand Titanic's fateful voyage from her launch at Belfast to her icy end!
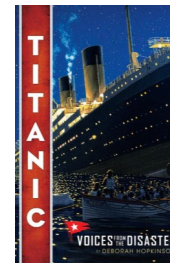
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Battle of the Books
Information for Students

Battle of the books is a fun way to get show your love of reading and actually earn some great prizes for it! All you need to do is grab up to four friends (teams should be 5 people or less) from grade 6 and read the list of librarian-chosen books. A trivia competition (and chaos!) will ensue. Keep in mind, you don't all have to be from the same school to be a team!