

## 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 grades 7 & 8 and read the list of librarian-chosen books. A trivia competition (and chaos!) will ensue.

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! Pay attention to the authors of the books... they are important!

**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 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 a Team Manager.

**Here are 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 school libraries.
- Overdue fines for Battle Books are **\$.25/day**.
- If your library does not have the books, please ask us to obtain them from another library free of charge!

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. Answers must be specific. 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 found, the Battle Moderator will announce the winners. **The top three teams will receive prizes.**

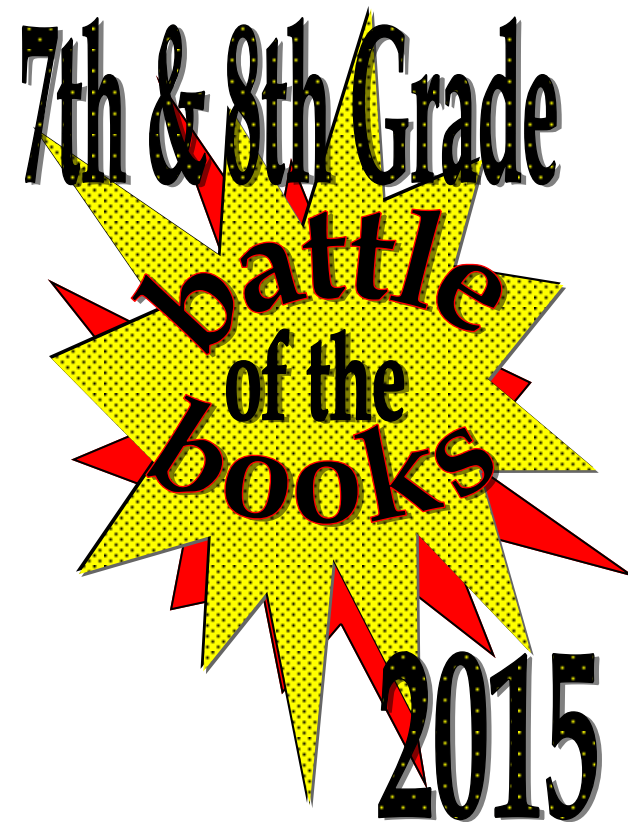
So, are you interested yet? To get started grab this booklist and a registration form. Find four friends in 7th and/or 8th grade, find a responsible adult to be a Team Manager, create a name for your team, and start reading!!! All final registration forms are due **Friday, February 6, 2015 by 5:00 PM.**

**Questions??? Visit the B.O.B WIKI @**  
**[info4BOB.blogspot.com/](http://info4BOB.blogspot.com/)**

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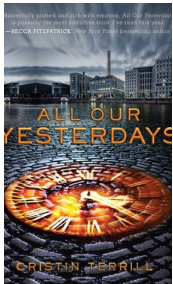
**Wednesday, February 25,  
2015  
7:00 PM**

**@  
Sewickley Academy's  
Hansen Library**

### A Note to Parents and Team Managers

Choosing titles for B.O.B. can be a daunting task! The books for 2015 were chosen based on their student appeal, diverse subject matter and characters, representation of a wide variety of genres, and 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 contact Moon or Sewickley libraries.

Thank you,  
Heather Panella, Moon Township Public Library  
Emily Fear, Sewickley Public Library

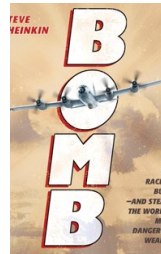


### ***All Our Yesterdays* by Cristin Terrill**

If you could go back and kill someone before he grew up to do terrible things, would you? It's a dilemma Em is used to. She and her companion Finn have escaped from their prison cell 14 times in order to go back in time four years to prevent their best friend James from creating a time machine that leads to a world at the edge of ruin. Now they're out of options: this time James must die.

### ***Bomb* by Steve Sheinkin**

In December of 1938, a chemist in a German laboratory made a shocking discovery: When placed next to radioactive material, a Uranium atom split in two. That simple discovery launched a scientific race that spanned 3 continents. This is the story of the plotting, the risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon. This is the story of the atomic bomb.

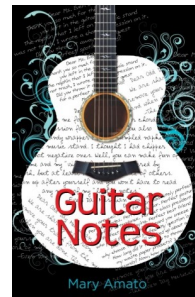


### ***Burning Blue* by Paul Griffin**

When Nicole Castro is splashed with acid on her perfect face, the world takes notice. But quiet loner Jay Nazarro decides to find out who did it. Jay understands how it feels to be treated like a freak, and he also has a secret: He's a brilliant hacker. But the deeper he digs, the more danger he's in—and the more he falls for Nicole. Too bad everyone is turning into a suspect, including Nicole.

### ***Far, Far Away* by Tom McNeal**

Jeremy Johnson Johnson hears the voice the ghost of Jacob Grimm, one half of The Brothers Grimm. Jacob watches over Jeremy, but Jacob can't always protect Jeremy. When Ginger Boultinghouse takes a bite of a cake rumored to be bewitched, she falls in love with Jeremy. In any other place, this would be a turn for the better for Jeremy, but not in Never Better, where the Finder of Occasions is waiting.

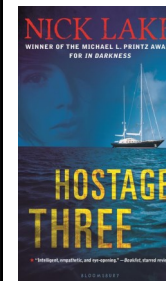


### ***Guitar Notes* by Mary Amato**

Tripp has lost a lot; his father died and his best friend moved away. In contrast, Lyla is perfect. She gets good grades, her teachers love her, and she plays the cello beautifully. Forced to share a music practice room on alternating days, Lyla leaves a heated note one day when Tripp doesn't throw out his trash. This leads to a pen-pal-like exchange and music collaboration that promises to change them both.

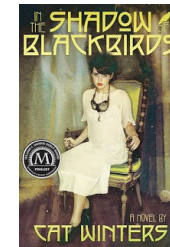
### ***Hostage Three* by Nick Lake**

As Amy sets out to sea, she's only thinking about peaceful waters and the warm sun. But she doesn't get either after a group of pirates seize the boat and the family becomes part of a transaction. Hostage Three is Amy, who can't believe the nightmare she's in. But something even stranger happens as she builds a bond with one of her captors, making it brutally clear that the price of life and its value are very different things.



### ***I'll Be There* by Holly Goldberg Sloan**

Sam Border wishes he could escape, but there's nowhere for him to run and nothing besides his little brother to care about. He has lived his life in the back of truck, under the threat of his criminal father. And then Sam sees Emily Bell. That's when everything changes.

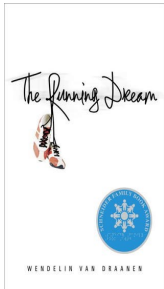


### ***In the Shadow of Blackbirds* by Cat Winters**

Mary Shelley Black, 16, has been sent to live with her aunt in San Diego, a city crawling with gauze mask-wearing citizens fearful of catching the Spanish Flu. Loss is everywhere, which is great for spirit photographer Julius, the brother of Mary's love, Stephen, who is off at war. Stephen's death coincides with Mary suffering electrocution, an event with strange aftereffects. She begins to see and hear Stephen's ghost, in torment over the "birdmen" that killed him. Mary believes his spirit will rest only when she uncovers the truth about his death.

### ***The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen**

Sixteen-year-old Jessica is the track team's star sprinter until tragedy strikes: the team van is struck, demolishing Jessica's right leg. She is slowly reintroduced to life, which involves being fitted for a prosthesis, returning to school, and dealing with the usual—tough teachers, mean girls, and one really hot, sensitive, supportive boy. The question is, can she learn to run again?



### ***The Testing* by Joelle Charbonneau**

It's graduation day for sixteen-year-old Cia Vale, and the entire Five Lakes Colony is celebrating. All Cia can think about is whether she'll be chosen for The Testing, a program that selects the best and brightest new graduates to become possible leaders of the slowly revitalizing post-war civilization. When Cia is chosen, her father finally tells her about his own nightmarish half-memories of The Testing. Armed with his warnings, she bravely heads off to Tosu City, far away from friends and family, perhaps forever. forever.