

**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:

- 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!

On the night of the battle, your team will need to arrive at Hansen Library at 6:30 for preparations and a **pizza party and Skype visit with one of our authors!**

You'll sign in and set up your table. Each team will be given answer sheets and a pencil to use. Your team manager will be present, but he/she will be working as a Scorekeeper for another team during 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 write down their answers**. At the end of the 20 seconds, the Moderator will continue on until a total of 4 questions have been asked, at which time the answers for those 4 questions will be revealed. Team Managers will mark how many points were won per questions. Play will continue as described above for the remainder of the game. Three rounds will be played; each round contains 1 question per book.



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, February 6, 2015 at 5:00 PM.**

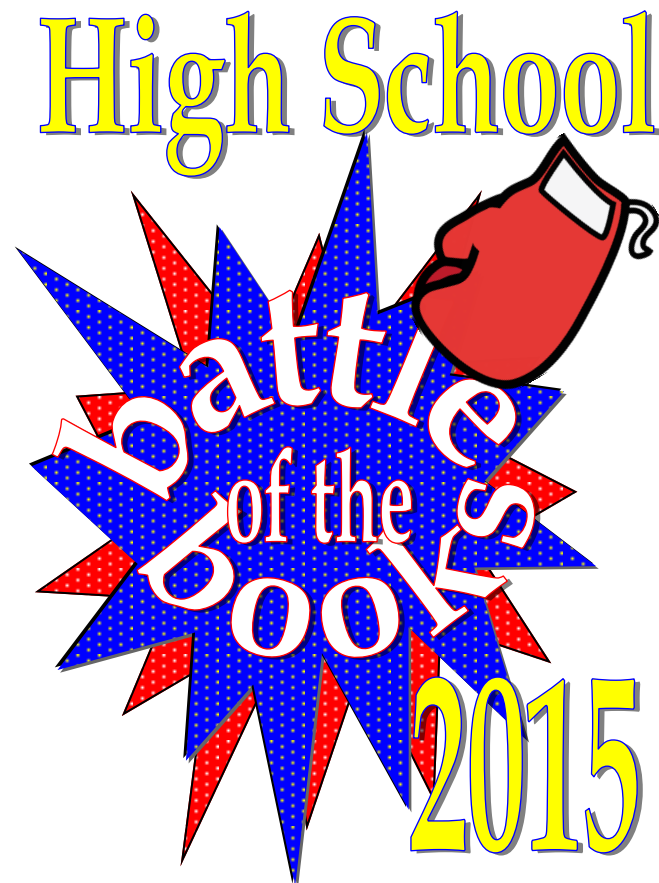
**Questions??? Visit the B.O.B Blog @  
[info4bob.blogspot.com](http://info4bob.blogspot.com)**



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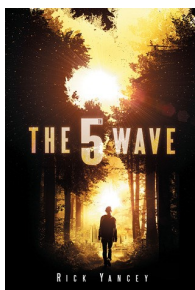
**Wednesday, March 4  
6:30 PM  
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**Sewickley Academy's  
Hansen Library**

### A Note to Parents and Team Managers

Choosing titles for B.O.B. can be a challenging task! The selected books for 2015 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  
Emily Fear, Sewickley Public Library

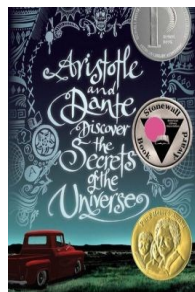


#### ***The 5th Wave* by Rick Yancey**

Forget your *E.T.* version of sweet, harmless aliens--in *The 5th Wave*, Rick Yancey imagines a silent invasion that takes extraterrestrial intelligence to a whole new level. Alternating points of view peel back each new layer of the novel while death, separation, and love, push his diverse characters to survive in a terrifying new world.

#### ***Aristotle & Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Saenz**

Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.



#### ***Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein**

In exchange for a temporary stay of execution and lesser forms of torture, a young female spy captured in Nazi-occupied France writes a confession of her activities in the Resistance. Her story is that of two women who should never have crossed paths, yet were destined to become the best of friends and embark upon the covert mission that would determine which of them would live or die.



#### ***The Coldest Girl in Coldtown* by Holly Black**

When seventeen-year-old Tana wakes up following a party in the aftermath of a violent vampire attack, she travels to Coldtown, a quarantined Massachusetts city full of vampires, with her ex-boyfriend and a mysterious vampire boy in tow.

#### ***March: Book One* by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, & Nate Powell**

March is a vivid first-hand account of John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation. Rooted in Lewis' personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights



#### ***Me & Earl & the Dying Girl* by Jesse Andrews**

Seventeen-year-old Greg has managed to become part of every social group at his Pittsburgh high school without having any friends, but his life changes when his mother forces him to befriend Rachel, a girl he once knew in Hebrew school who has leukemia.

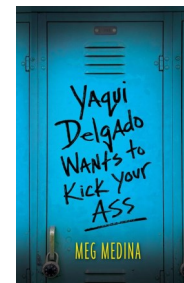
#### ***Split* by Swati Avasthi**

After trying to prevent his father from beating his mother further, 16-year-old Jace is kicked out of his Chicago home. He arrives, swollen and bloody, at the doorstep of his brother in Albuquerque. It's been five years since 22-year-old Christian fled the violent home front himself, and the brothers' reunion is defined by awkward negotiations of acceptance and suspicion. With ground rules set, Jace is allowed to stay and resume school, but the specter of their father continues to haunt them—as does the chilling uncertainty of what may be happening to their mother in their absence.



#### ***Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass* by Meg Medina**

When Piedad “Piddy” Sanchez hears that Yaqui Delgado is going to crush her, she has no idea why she has become a target of one of the roughest girls in her new Queens school. But Yaqui tells everyone Piddy is a skank, and as the bullying escalates from threats to physical attacks, Piddy finds herself living in constant fear. A strong student with a bright future at her old school, Piddy starts skipping school, and her grades nosedive. After a truly upsetting attack on Piddy is uploaded to YouTube, she realizes this isn’t a problem she can solve on her own.



Annotations taken from Amazon.com

### **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 9-12 and read the list of librarian-chosen books. A trivia competition (and chaos!) will ensue. Keep in mind, you don’t all have to attend the same school to be a team!

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.

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