

Battle of the Books Information for Students

Battle of the Books is a fun way to show your love of reading and actually earn some great prizes for it! All you need to do is grab up to 4 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 be from the same school to be a team.

As a team, you should decide who's going to read what books & how many books everyone wants to read. You can have team members read 2 books apiece, have all team members read every book, or some combination between. It's really up to you!

IMPORTANT : 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 older) 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 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.
- Please limit checkouts to 3 books per team member.
- Overdue fines for Battle Books are **\$0.25/day**.
- If your library doesn't have the book ask a librarian to order you a copy from another library

Here's what happens on the night of the Book Battle. First, your team will need to arrive at Cornell School District at least 15 minutes before the start time. You'll sign in, set up your area, and fill out any necessary forms. Your team manager will be present, but he/she will be working as a Scorekeeper for a different team during the battle.

The Battle Moderator will begin by asking the first question twice. After the question is asked twice, teams will have **30 seconds to 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. Please note that there is no partial credit given for answers.

The moderator and judges will decide if an answer 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 lightning round will take place between the tied teams. Once a clear winner has been determined, 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 4 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 **Tuesday, January 31, 2023 by 8:00 PM**. Forms can be returned in person or via email.

Questions??? Visit the B.O.B WIKI @
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High School

BATTLE of the BOOKS 2023

**Moon Township Public
Library
&
Sewickley Public
Library**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2023
7:00 PM @
Cornell Area School
District**

A Note to Parents and Team Managers

Choosing titles for B.O.B. can be a challenging task! The books for 2023 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 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

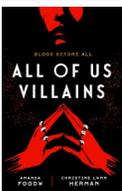
Ace of Spades by Farideh Abike-Iyimide

When two Niveus Private Academy students, Devon Richards and Chiamaka Adebayo, are selected to be part of the elite school's senior class prefects, it looks like their year is off to an amazing start. After all, not only does it look great on college applications, but it officially puts each of them in the running for valedictorian, too. Shortly after the announcement is made, though, someone who goes by Aces begins using anonymous text messages to reveal secrets about the two of them that turn their lives upside down and threaten every aspect of their carefully planned futures. As Aces shows no sign of stopping, what seemed like a sick prank quickly turns into a dangerous game, with all the cards stacked against them. Can Devon and Chiamaka stop Aces before things become incredibly deadly?



All of Us Villains by Amanda Foody

The Blood Moon rises. The Blood Veil falls. The Tournament begins. Every generation, at the coming of the Blood Moon, seven families in the remote city of Ilvernath name a champion to compete in a tournament to the death. The prize? Exclusive control over a secret wellspring of high magick, the most powerful resource in the world—one thought long depleted. But this year a scandalous tell-all book has exposed the tournament and thrust the seven new champions into the worldwide spotlight. The book also granted them valuable information previous champions never had—insight into the other families' strategies, secrets, and weaknesses. And most important, it gave them a choice: accept their fate or rewrite their legacy. Either way, this is a story that must be penned in blood.



All These Bodies by Kendare Blake
Summer 1958. A gruesome killer plagues the Midwest, leaving behind a trail of bodies completely drained of blood. Michael Jensen, an aspiring journalist whose father happens to be the town sheriff, never imagined that the Bloodless

Murders would come to his backyard. Not until the night the Carlson family was found murdered in their home. Marie Catherine Hale, a diminutive fifteen-year-old, was discovered at the scene—covered in blood. She is the sole suspect in custody. Michael didn't think that he would be part of the investigation, but he is pulled in when Marie decides that he is the only one she will confess to. As Marie recounts her version of the story, it falls to Michael to find the truth: What really happened the night that the Carlsons were killed? And how did one girl wind up in the middle of all these bodies?



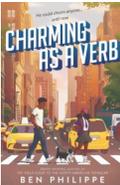
All Your Twisted Secrets by Diana Urban

What do the queen bee, star athlete, valedictorian, stoner, loner, and music geek all have in common? They were all invited to a scholarship dinner, only to discover it's a trap. Someone has locked them into a room with a bomb, a syringe filled with poison, and a note saying they have an hour to pick someone to kill...or else everyone dies. Amber Prescott is determined to get her classmates and herself out of the room alive, but that might be easier said than done. No one knows how they're all connected or who would want them dead. As they retrace the events over the past year that might have triggered their captor's ultimatum, it becomes clear that everyone is hiding something. And with the clock ticking down, confusion turns into fear, and fear morphs into panic as they race to answer the biggest question: Who will they choose to die?



Charming as a Verb by Samira Ahmed

Henri "Halti" Haltiwanger can charm just about anyone. He is a star debater and popular student at the prestigious FATE academy, the dutiful first-generation Haitian son, and the trusted dog walker for his wealthy New York City neighbors. But his easy smiles mask a burning ambition to attend his dream college, Columbia University. There is only one person who seems immune to Henri's charms: his "intense" classmate and neighbor Corinne Troy. When she uncovers Henri's less-than-honest dog-walking scheme, she blackmails him into helping her change her image at school. Henri agrees, seeing a potential upside for himself. Soon what started as a mutual hustle turns into something more surprising than either of them ever bargained for. . . .



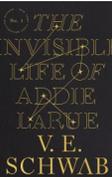
Dead Flip by Sara Farizan

Growing up, Cori, Maz, and Sam were inseparable best friends, sharing their love for Halloween, arcade games, and one another. Now it's 1992, Sam has been missing for five years, and Cori and Maz aren't speaking anymore. How could they be, when Cori is sure Sam is dead and Maz thinks he may have been kidnapped by a supernatural pinball machine? These days, all Maz wants to do is party, buy CDs at Sam Goody, and run away from his past. Meanwhile, Cori is a homecoming queen, hiding her abiding love of horror movies and her queer self under the bubblegum veneer of a high school queen bee. But when Sam returns—still twelve years old while his best friends are now seventeen—Maz and Cori are thrown back together to solve the mystery of what really happened to Sam the night he went missing. Beneath the surface of that mystery lurk secrets the friends never told one another, then and now. And Sam's is the darkest of all.



The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V.E. Schwab

A Life No One Will Remember. A Story You Will Never Forget. France, 1714: in a moment of desperation, a young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever—and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets. Thus begins the extraordinary life of Addie LaRue, and a dazzling adventure that will play out across centuries and continents, across history and art, as a young woman learns how far she will go to leave her mark on the world. But everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore and he remembers her name.



You Should See Me in a Crown by Leah Johnson

Liz Lighty has always believed she's too black, too poor, too awkward to shine in her small, rich, prom-obsessed midwestern town. But it's okay -- Liz has a plan that will get her out of Campbell, Indiana, forever: attend Pennington College, play in their world-famous orchestra, and become a doctor. But when the financial aid she was counting on unexpectedly falls through, Liz's plans come crashing down . . . until she's reminded of her school's scholarship for prom king and queen. There's nothing Liz wants to do less than endure a gauntlet of social media trolls, catty competitors, and humiliating public events, but despite her devastating fear of the spotlight she's willing to do whatever it takes to get to Pennington. The only thing that makes it halfway bearable is the new girl in school, Mack. She's smart, funny, and just as much of an outsider as Liz. But Mack is also in the running for queen. Will falling for the competition keep Liz from her dreams . . . or make them come true?

