

## 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 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.

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.
- If your library charges fines, 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 Quaker Valley Middle School 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 **20 seconds to write down their answers**. Play will continue in this manner for the next 5 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, and 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 **Wednesday, January 31, 2024 by 8:00 PM**.

Questions??? Visit [www.moonlibrary.org](http://www.moonlibrary.org) OR <https://sewickleylibrary.org> for more info

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# 6th GRADE BATTLE of the BOOKS 2024

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

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024  
7:00 PM**

**@  
Quaker Valley Middle  
School Auditorium**



## 102 Days of Lying About Lauren by Maura Jortner

Twelve-year-old Mouse calls an amusement park home. Nobody notices her, and that's the way she likes it. Mouse sweeps the streets and wears a uniform she "borrowed" and sleeps on the top floor of the Haunted House of Horrors. She knows which security guards to avoid, eats the bagel left out each morning for the Ghost of Summer, and even has the taco guy convinced that her lunch is paid for. She has her special hiding methods down to a science. But one morning, a girl named Cat comes looking for Lauren Suszek. Cat notices her, and Mouse doesn't like it. Mouse cannot let this nosy pest find out who she really is! If Mouse gets discovered living in the park, Mama might come back for her, and Mouse doesn't want that. Or—even worse?—Mama might not come back at all. Mouse knows she can lose this girl without blowing her cover. She just has to follow her rules. A carefully constructed life in the park is all she needs. Right?

## The Clackity by Lora Senf

Evie Von Rathe lives in Blight Harbor—the seventh-most haunted town in America—with her Aunt Desdemona, the local paranormal expert. Des doesn't have many rules except one: Stay out of the abandoned slaughterhouse at the edge of town. But when her aunt disappears into the building, Evie goes searching for her. There she meets The Clackity, a creature who lives in the shadows and seams of the slaughterhouse. The Clackity makes a deal with Evie to help get Des back in exchange for the ghost of John Jeffrey Pope, a serial killer who stalked Blight Harbor a hundred years earlier. Evie reluctantly embarks on a journey into a strange other-world filled with hungry witches, penny-eyed ghosts, and a memory-thief, all while being pursued by a dead man whose only goal is to add Evie to his collection of lost souls. Will she ever find Des, or is The Clackity planning something far more sinister?



## New From Here by Kelly Yang

When the coronavirus hits Hong Kong, ten-year-old Knox Wei-Evans's mom makes the last-minute decision to move him and his siblings back to California, where they think they will be safe. Suddenly, Knox has two days to prepare for an international move—and for leaving his dad, who has to stay for work. At his new school in California, Knox struggles with being the new kid. His classmates think that because he's from Asia, he must have brought over the virus. At home, Mom just got fired and is panicking over the loss of health insurance, and Dad doesn't even know when he'll see them again, since the flights have been cancelled. And everyone struggles with Knox's blurring-things-out problem. As racism skyrockets during COVID-19, Knox tries to stand up to hate, while finding his place in his new country. Can you belong if you're feared; can you protect if you're new? And how do you keep a family together when you're oceans apart?

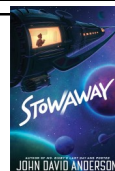


## Race For the Escape by Christopher Edge

When Ami Oswald arrives at The Escape—a new, supposedly impossible-to-beat escape room—all she wants it an evening of adventure for her birthday. She deserves it, after all her hard work. But as soon as the game starts, Ami and her four teammates realize they may have gotten more than they bargained for. Now, the only way Ami and her friends can get out is by solving the mysterious riddle the Escape's Host has given them: Find the Answer, save the world. But the Answer could be anywhere, and in this game, a single mistake could be deadly. Because, as Ami quickly finds out, the danger in these rooms is very, very real.

## Stowaway by John David Anderson

When scientists discover a rare and mysterious mineral buried in the Earth's crust, they have no idea that it just happens to be the most valuable substance in the entire universe. It's not long before aliens show up to our little corner of the galaxy offering a promise of protection, some fabulous new technology, and entry into their intergalactic coalition—all in exchange for this precious resource. A material so precious that other alien forces are willing to start a war over it. A war that soon makes its way to Earth. Leo knows this all too well. His mother was killed in one such attack, and soon after, his father, a Coalition scientist, decides it would be best for them to leave Earth behind. It's on this expedition that their ship is attacked, Leo's father is kidnapped, and Leo and his brother are stranded in the middle of space. The only chance they have is for Leo to stow away on a strange ship of mercenary space pirates bound for who knows where and beg the captain to help him find his father. But the road is dangerous, and pirates, of course, only look out for themselves. Leo must decide who to trust as he tries to stay alive and save his family, even as he comes to understand that there aren't many people—human or alien—that he can count on in this brave new universe.



## The Swag Is in the Socks by Kelly J. Baptist

Xavier Moon is not one to steal the show. He's perfectly content to play video games and sit at his bedroom window watching the neighborhood talk outside. But for Xavier's twelfth birthday, he receives a pair of funky socks and a challenge from his great-uncle, Frankie Bell, saying it's time to swag out and speak up. First on the list: get into the legendary Scepter League. Xavier's grandfather, great-uncle, and father were all invited to join the elite boys' after-school club that admits only the most suave and confident young men. Xavier has never had the courage to apply before, but his wild socks are getting him some big attention, so maybe it's time to come out of the shadows and follow in his family's footsteps. Or maybe Xavier will march down a new path altogether.

## Thirst by Varsha Bajaj

Minni lives in the poorest part of Mumbai, where access to water is limited to a few hours a day and the communal taps have long lines. Lately, though, even that access is threatened by severe water shortages and thieves who are stealing this precious commodity—an act that Minni accidentally witnesses one night.



Meanwhile, in the high-rise building where she just started to work, she discovers that water streams out of every faucet and there's even a rooftop swimming pool. What Minni also discovers there is one of the water mafia bosses. Now she must decide whether to expose him and risk her job and maybe her life. How did something as simple as access to water get so complicated?



## When Life Gives You Lemons, Make Peach Pie by Erin Soderberg Downing

After a tough year, Lucy, Freddy, and Herb Peach are ready for vacation. Lucy wants to read all of the books on the summer reading list. Freddy wants to work on his art projects (when he isn't stuck in summer school). Herb wants to swim every day. Then their dad makes a big announcement: one of the inventions their mom came up with before she passed away has sold, and now they're millionaires! But Dad has bigger plans than blowing the cash on fun stuff or investing it. He's bought a used food truck. The Peaches are going to spend the summer traveling the country selling pies. It will be the Great Peach Experiment—a summer of bonding while living out one of Mom's dreams. Summer plans, sunk. And there's one more issue Dad's neglected: none of them knows how to bake. . . .

## Witchlings by Claribel Ortega

Every year, in the magical town of Ravenskill, Witchlings who participate in the Black Moon Ceremony are placed into covens and come into their powers as full-fledged witches. And twelve-year-old Seven Salazar can't wait to be placed in the most powerful coven with her best friend! But on the night of the ceremony, in front of the entire town, Seven isn't placed in one of the five covens. She's a Spare! Spare covens have fewer witches, are less powerful, and are looked down on by everyone. Even worse, when Seven and the other two Spares perform the magic circle to seal their coven and cement themselves as sisters, it doesn't work! They're stuck as Witchlings—and will never be able to perform powerful magic. Seven invokes her only option: the impossible task. The three Spares will be assigned an impossible task: If they work together and succeed at it, their coven will be sealed and they'll gain their full powers. If they fail... Well, the last coven to make the attempt ended up being turned into toads. Forever.



## Yonder by Ali Standish

Danny Timmons has looked up to Jack Bailey ever since Jack saved two small children from drowning during the Great Flood of 1940. Now, with his father away fighting in World War II and his mother about to have a new baby, Danny relies on Jack's friendship and guidance more than ever. So when Jack goes missing without a trace from their small Appalachian town, Danny is determined to find him. He wonders if Jack's abusive father could be behind his disappearance, or if it has anything to do with Yonder—a hidden magical town Jack once spoke of, where flocks of rainbow birds fly through the sky and they've never heard of war. As answers elude him, Danny begins to fear that he didn't know Jack as well as he thought.