

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.
- 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 3 questions. The Moderator will announce the answers for the first 4 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 OR <https://sewickleylibrary.org> for more info

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High School BATTLE of the BOOKS 2024

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

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024
7:00 PM**

**@
Quaker Valley Middle
School Auditorium**



All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir
Labore, Pakistan. Then.

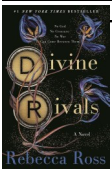
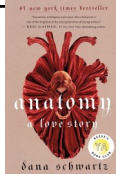
Misbah is a dreamer and storyteller, newly married to Toufiq in an arranged match. After their young life is shaken by tragedy, they come to the United States and open the Clouds' Rest Inn Motel, hoping for a new start.

Juniper, California. Now.

Salahudin and Noor are more than best friends; they are family. Growing up as outcasts in the small desert town of Juniper, California, they understand each other the way no one else does. Until The Fight, which destroys their bond with the swift fury of a star exploding. Now, Sal scrambles to run the family motel as his mother Misbah's health fails and his grieving father loses himself to alcoholism. Noor, meanwhile, walks a harrowing tightrope: working at her wrathful uncle's liquor store while hiding the fact that she's applying to college so she can escape him—and Juniper—forever. When Sal's attempts to save the motel spiral out of control, he and Noor must ask themselves what friendship is worth—and what it takes to defeat the monsters in their pasts and the ones in their midst.

Anatomy: A Love Story by Dana Schwartz

Hazel Sinnett is a lady who wants to be a surgeon more than she wants to marry. Jack Currer is a resurrection man who's just trying to survive in a city where it's too easy to die. When the two of them have a chance encounter outside the Edinburgh Anatomist's Society, Hazel thinks nothing of it at first. But after she gets kicked out of renowned surgeon Dr. Beecham's lectures for being the wrong gender, she realizes that her new acquaintance might be more helpful than she first thought. Because Hazel has made a deal with Dr. Beecham: if she can pass the medical examination on her own, Beecham will allow her to continue her medical career. Without official lessons, though, Hazel will need more than just her books—she'll need corpses to study. Lucky that she's made the acquaintance of someone who digs them up for a living. But Jack has his own problems: strange men have been seen skulking around cemeteries, his friends are disappearing off the streets, and the dreaded Roman Fever, which wiped out thousands a few years ago, is back with a vengeance. Nobody important cares—until Hazel. Now, Hazel and Jack must work together to uncover the secrets buried not just in unmarked graves, but in the very heart of Edinburgh society.



Divine Rivals by Rebecca Ross

After centuries of sleep, the gods are warring again. But eighteen-year-old Iris Winnow just wants to hold her family together. Her mother is suffering from addiction and her brother is missing from the front lines. Her best bet is to win the columnist promotion at the Oath Gazette. To combat her worries, Iris writes letters to her brother and slips them beneath her wardrobe door, where they vanish—into the hands of Roman Kitt, her cold and handsome rival at the paper. When he anonymously writes Iris back, the two of them forge a connection that will follow Iris all the way to the front lines of battle: for her brother, the fate of mankind, and love.

The Extraordinaries by TJ Klune

Nick Bell? Not extraordinary. But being the most popular fanfiction writer in the Extraordinaries fandom is a superpower, right? After a chance encounter with Shadow Star, Nova City's mightiest hero (and Nick's biggest crush), Nick sets out to make himself extraordinary. And he'll do it with or without the reluctant help of Seth Gray, Nick's best friend (and maybe the love of his life).

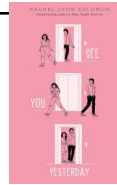


The Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson

Everyone in Fairview knows the story. Pretty and popular high school senior Andie Bell was murdered by her boyfriend, Sal Singh, who then killed himself. It was all anyone could talk about. And five years later, Pip sees how the tragedy still haunts her town. But she can't shake the feeling that there was more to what happened that day. She knew Sal when she was a child, and he was always so kind to her. How could he possibly have been a killer? Now a senior herself, Pip decides to reexamine the closed case for her final project, at first just to cast doubt on the original investigation. But soon she discovers a trail of dark secrets that might actually prove Sal innocent . . . and the line between past and present begins to blur. Someone in Fairview doesn't want Pip digging around for answers, and now her own life might be in danger.

See You Yesterday by Rachel Lynn Solomon

Barrett Bloom is hoping college will be a fresh start after a messy high school experience. But when school begins on September 21st, everything goes wrong. She's humiliated by the know-it-all in her physics class, she botches her interview for the college paper, and at a party that night, she accidentally sets a frat on fire. She panics and flees, and when she realizes her roommate locked her out of their dorm, she falls asleep in the common room. The next morning, Barrett's perplexed to find herself back in her dorm room bed, no longer smelling of ashes and crushed dreams. It's September 21st. Again. And after a confrontation with Miles, the guy from Physics 101, she learns she's not alone—he's been trapped for months. When her attempts to fix her timeline fail, she agrees to work with Miles to find a way out. Soon they're exploring the mysterious underbelly of the university and going on wild, romantic adventures. As they start falling for each other, they face the universe's biggest unanswered question yet: what happens to their relationship if they finally make it to tomorrow?

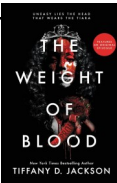


True Biz by Sara Novic

True biz (adj./exclamation; American Sign Language): really, seriously, definitely, real-talk True biz? The students at the River Valley School for the Deaf just want to hook up, pass their history finals, and have politicians, doctors, and their parents stop telling them what to do with their bodies. This revelatory novel plunges readers into the halls of a residential school for the deaf, where they'll meet Charlie, a rebellious transfer student who's never met another deaf person before; Austin, the school's golden boy, whose world is rocked when his baby sister is born hearing; and February, the hearing headmistress, a CODA (child of deaf adult(s)) who is fighting to keep her school open and her marriage intact, but might not be able to do both. As a series of crises both personal and political threaten to unravel each of them, Charlie, Austin, and February find their lives inextricable from one another—and changed forever.

The Weight of Blood by Tiffany Jackson

When Springville residents—at least the ones still alive—are questioned about what happened on prom night, they all have the same explanation . . . Maddy did it. An outcast at her small-town Georgia high school, Madison Washington has always been a teasing target for bullies. And she's dealt with it because she has more pressing problems to manage. Until the morning a surprise rainstorm reveals her most closely kept secret: Maddy is biracial. She has been passing for white her entire life at the behest of her fanatical white father, Thomas Washington. After a viral bullying video pulls back the curtain on Springville High's racist roots, student leaders come up with a plan to change their image: host the school's first integrated prom as a show of unity. The popular white class president convinces her Black superstar quarterback boyfriend to ask Maddy to be his date, leaving Maddy wondering if it's possible to have a normal life. But some of her classmates aren't done with her just yet. And what they don't know is that Maddy still has another secret . . . one that will cost them all their lives.



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BATTLE BEGIN**