

Battle of the Books Information for Students

BOB is a fun way to show your love of reading and earn some great prizes for it! All you need to do is grab up to four friends (as teams should be made up of five or fewer people) from Grade 6, read the list of librarian-chosen books, and participate in our trivia competition. Keep in mind that you don't all have to attend the same school to be a team.

As a team, decide who's going to read which books and how many books everyone wants to read. You can have each team member read two books, all of the books, or some other combination. It's up to you!

IMPORTANT: Teams will be required to correctly spell authors' last names to receive full credit during the Battle.

Your team will need a responsible adult (18 years or older) to be 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, teacher, older sibling, or school librarian to be their Team Manager. The Team Manager is also responsible for attending the Battle and keeping score for a different team.

Here are some rules to know before checking out BOB books from your library:

- **BOB books can only be borrowed on a library card belonging to a team member. Please limit checkouts to three books per team member.**
- **If your library charges fines, fines for BOB books are \$0.25/day overdue.**
- **If your library doesn't have the book you want, ask a librarian to order you a copy from another library.**

Questions? Visit moonlibrary.org OR sewickleylibrary.org for more info.

The Night of Battle

On the night of the Battle, your team will need to arrive at Quaker Valley Middle School at least 15 minutes before the start time. You'll check in, set up your area, and fill out any necessary forms. Your Team Manager must be present, as they will be working as a Scorekeeper for a different team during the Battle.

The Battle Moderator will begin by asking the first question twice. Then, teams will have **20 seconds to write down their answers**. Play will continue in this manner for the next five questions. The Moderator will announce the answers for the first five questions. **If your team answers correctly, you will earn four points, plus a bonus point if you have correctly spelled the author's last name.** This means that each question is worth, at most, five 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 for the rest of the round. There will be three rounds, and every round will include one question from each book. 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.**

Interested yet?? To get started, grab this booklist and a registration form. Find up to four 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 **January 31, 2026 by 8:00 PM.**

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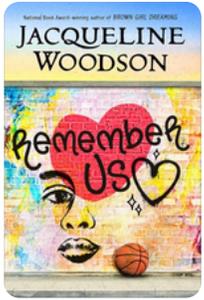
**Tuesday, Feb. 17
@ 7:00 pm**

**Quaker Valley
Middle School
Auditorium**



***The Secrets of Lovelace Academy* by Marie Benedict**

Twelve-year-old orphan Lainey attends a prestigious boarding school with dreams of a new start, but a chain of events leads her to Switzerland in search of a trailblazing female scientist.



***Remember Us* by Jacqueline Woodson**

The summer before seventh grade, as the constant threat of housefires looms over her Brooklyn neighborhood, basketball-loving Sage is trying to figure out her place in her circle of friends, when a new kid named Freddy moves in.



***Plotting the Stars: Moongarden* by Michelle Barry**

Crumbling under the pressure at her elite school on the moon, misfit Myra Hodger discovers a lab full of toxic plants and uses her botanical magic to weed out its secrets, but she quickly discovers some will do anything to take those secrets to the grave.



***Opal Watson: Private Eye* by Brittany J. Thurman**

Twelve-year-old Opal Watson loves being a detective. Follow Opal as she investigates disturbances in her apartment building and navigates going back to school, making new friends, and dealing with her Retinitis Pigmentosa, a degenerative eye disease. Can Opal solve the mystery at the Crescent and save her home? And what hidden truths will she uncover along the way?



***One Wrong Step* by Jennifer A. Nielsen**

Twelve-year-old Atlas Wade has been climbing mountains for years, but after being forced to stay behind as his father joins a team of Mount Everest climbers, he sees an avalanche trapping his father's expedition, then—along with their Sherpa Chodak and an American girl, Maddie—Atlas begins a perilous journey to rescue the team.



***Max in the House of Spies: A Tale of World War II* by Adam Gidwitz**

To find his way back home to his family in Germany during WWII, Max Bretzfeld, with a kobold named Berg on one shoulder and a dybbuk named Stein on the other, sets out to do the impossible—become a British spy.



***Octopus Moon* by Bobbie Pyron**

Recently diagnosed with depression, fifth-grader Pearl struggles with self-care and self-love amidst a sea of changes.



***Lunar Boy* by Jes and Cin Wibowo**

Indu, a boy from the moon, feels like he doesn't belong. He hasn't since he and his adoptive mom disembarked from their spaceship to live on Earth with their new blended family. After calling out to the moon to take him back, Indu finds friendship in unlikely places and discovers home is more than where you come from. Indu must decide: Is he willing to give up what he's just found to return to the moon?



***Lola* by Karla Arenas Valenti**

Determined to save her brother from the Darkness that plagues their home, ten-year-old Lola follows mythical chaneques into a secret world where she seeks help from the queen.



***What Stays Buried* by Suzanne Young**

With only a few weeks before she loses her ability to see or speak with spirits, twelve-year-old Calista Wynn must stop an angry spirit called the Tall Lady before she loses her powers and everyone she has left.



All summaries are courtesy of NovelList.