GOALS & OBJECTIVES

To promote the love of reading.
To promote the use of the library as a community resource center.
To introduce children to a wide variety of literature.
To provide a recreational outlet for readers.
To encourage children to participate in a group activity.
To provide a positive learning experience for children, librarians, teachers, and parents.
To form partnerships with local schools and strengthen community ties.
To build confidence in young readers.
To promote resources that are available at the public library.
To have fun!
The Audience
Having an audience at the Battle is wonderful! However, the audience may not assist the team in any way during the competition. All audience members are expected to adhere to the Library’s code of conduct. **No open food or drink is allowed in the school gym.**

The Teams
Each team consists of 3, 4, or 5 fifth graders and must have an adult coach. Children do not have to attend the same school to be on a team. Children who live in the OTPL district and are homeschooled or attend private schools may participate in the Battle.

The Questions and Answers
The Battle will include at least one question about each book. The questions will consist of:

- A direct quote from a character in the book
- A question or statement about something that happens in the book
- A passage taken directly from the book
- A question about something from an illustration or picture
**DURING THE BATTLE**

Team members sit together on the floor of the gymnasium. Pencils, answer sheets, and clipboards will be provided for writing the answers.

Each team must have an adult coach present at the Battle. Coaches sit in the stands with other spectators.

Any allegations of cheating must be made by a coach to a staff member before the start of the next round. The matter will be taken to the head judge for a ruling.

Teams will be asked to name the **book title and the author**.

Questions will be read once and repeated once.

Teams will have 30 seconds to write down the answer.

Answers are strictly from memory. No notes or books may be used.

Answers should be written clearly; spelling errors are okay but will be reviewed in the case of a tie.

To break ties, the finishing order will be determined by the least amount of spelling errors. The least

**2020 BOOKS**

*Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity*
  - Mac Barnett

*Darkdeep*
  - Ally Condie

*James and the Giant Peach*
  - Roald Dahl

*Her Right Foot*
  - Dave Eggers

*Mountain Dog*
  - Margarita Engle

*Amelia Lost*
  - Candace Fleming

*Fortunately, the Milk*
  - Neil Gaiman

*Great Treehouse War*
  - Lisa Graff

*Cardboard Kingdom*
  - Chad Sell

*Secret Sheriff of Sixth Grade*
  - Jordan Sonnenblick

*Into the Killing Seas*
  - Michael Spradlin

*You’ll Like it Here*
  - Ruth White
CHECKING OUT BATTLE BOOKS

The library will have multiple copies of each Battle book on hand. Each team member may check out up to two Battle books for one week beginning after Kickoff night. On the night of the Kickoff, participants are limited to just 1 book.

Battle books may be renewed for one week, as long as there are no holds on that item. Two renewals are allowed. If the book you want is not in, either you or the librarian can place a hold on that title.

DATES

Battle of the Books:
Saturday March 7, 2019 @ 10:00am (doors open at 9:30am)
Waldon Middle School

Award Ceremony and Author Visit:
Tuesday, March 10, 2019 @ 6:30pm
Lake Orion High School Auditorium
Featuring a Battle author! Copies of the author’s Battle book will be available to purchase that evening.

amount will be first followed by second and third place.

Runners will deliver answer sheets to the scorekeeping tables.

Once a team’s answer sheet is turned in, it may not be taken back by the team.

As the answers are collected and turned in at the scorekeepers’ tables, the moderator will ask one team to give the answer. Throughout the competition, different teams will take a turn telling an answer.

Scoring
Correct title & correct author - 2 points
Correct title & no author - 1 point
Correct author & no title – 1 point
Author and title do not match – 0 points
All scores are based on written answers only.

Official Scores will not be announced until the night of the Awards Ceremony. You will be told the correct answer after each question, so you should have a rough idea about how your team did. Keeping a tally of points from correct answers during the Battle is discouraged.
**PAST SAMPLE QUESTIONS**

**Quote from a Book**
Quote “And it just so happens the only apron in my size has large red flowers on it, so my Man Plan is on the back burner.”

*My Near Death Adventures*
Alison DeCamp

**Question or statement about something that happens in the book**
In which book do people need to make special glasses to wear so they won’t go blind?

*Every Soul a Star*
Wendy Mass

**Passage taken directly from the book**
“Like most people, he had never been really sure what a river was – just that it was water that somehow flowed on its own.”

*City of Ember*
Jeanne DuPrau

**Question about something from an illustration or picture**
In which book is there a picture of a library book being destroyed?

*Matilda*
Roald Dahl

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**TEAM SPIRIT**

**Tips**

- Pick clever and original team names. No team name can be longer than 17 spaces.
- Paint poster to cheer teams to victory. These may be brought to the Battle.
- Design a simple team costume.
- Design a button with the team name, logo and team member names.
- Encourage family and friends to attend the Battle and Award Ceremony.