Battle of the Books titles are selected by The Orion Township Public Library’s youth services team. Titles are chosen using the same criteria and collection development policy used by OTPL when choosing materials. Titles are chosen to provide an opportunity for students to read books on a variety of subjects and styles, practice and develop reading comprehension and retention, and to promote the joys and importance of reading. The following special criteria are used in addition to our collection development policy:

- Battle books must include a variety of subject areas, plots, settings, and styles
- Titles included should have a balanced interest for boys/girls and wide range of maturity levels
- Battle books must have at least one favorable or starred review from professional scholarly review sources, including School Library Journal, Horn Book, Kirkus Reviews, or Booklist.
- A variety of genres and formats must be included, including non-fiction
- Battle books must be written for an age appropriate audience.

Battle of the Books titles are selected with the reading level and maturity of 5th graders in mind. You may feel that the content and/or theme of one book may be inappropriate for your child. Please note that not all OTPL Battle of the Books team members are required to read all books included in order to participate in the program.