

HOW DOES MY TEAM REGISTER?

Registration begins on Friday, November 3rd 2017. Each team only submits one registration form found on the Library's website at www.baldwinlib.org/battle. *No paper registrations will be accepted.* The last day for registration and team changes is Wednesday, January 10th. Each team must have an adult coach.

WHO CAN BE A COACH AND WHAT ARE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES?

The coach may be a parent or other interested adult who will serve as the contact person between the team and the Baldwin Public Library. Coaches will help the teams stay on track and come up with strategies for Battle preparation.

All coaches must attend one Coaches Meeting at the Baldwin Public Library on Monday, December 4th or Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. Coaches are responsible for arranging transportation for their team to and from Seaholm High School on the day of Battle.

WHAT IF I CANNOT FIND A TEAM?

Students who have not found a team by Wednesday, December 27th can fill out the appropriate form on the Library's website. Library staff will do their best to help students find a team but cannot guarantee team placement.

WHEN IS THE BATTLE?

BOOK TITLES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND AVAILABLE FOR CHECK OUT ON **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD 2017.**

THE BATTLE WILL TAKE PLACE AT SEAHOLM HIGH SCHOOL ON **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH 2018.**

TEAMS MUST BE AT SEAHOLM BY 9:15 A.M. AND **THE BATTLE WILL COMMENCE AT 10 A.M.**

IMPORTANT DATES!

KICKOFF AND REGISTRATION BEGINS: **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD 2017.**

COACHES MEETING: **MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH OR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH.**

LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION: **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH 2018.**

BATTLE DAY: **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH 2018**



IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT:
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BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCES:

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2018

BATTLE INFORMATION AND RULES INSIDE!



**WELCOME
TO THE
BATTLE!**

WHAT IS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS?

It is a program designed to foster a love of reading and encourage students to read books outside their comfort zone. Fourth and fifth graders form teams with an adult coach, read the Battle books, and compete against other teams by answering questions based on the selected titles. **Battle books will be announced and available for check out on Friday, November 3rd 2017.**

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

All fourth and fifth graders who attend a Birmingham Public School are eligible to participate. Each team must have 4 to 6 students and one adult team coach. It is not necessary for team members to attend the same school or be in the same grade. Students are responsible for forming their own teams.



**BATTLE
RULES!**

TEAM MEMBERS sit together on the gym floor. You may bring a small blanket to sit on. All other items, including food, drinks, coats, books, notes, and other personal items must be left with families in the stands. Pencils and answer sheets will be provided. Spirit wear is encouraged!

COACHES will check in their team, find their seats, and check that the team has everything they need. Coaches will then head to the stands where they can cheer their team. *Coaches do not sit with their teams during the Battle.*

THE MODERATOR will read the question twice and students will have 20 seconds to write down the answer and the first and last name of the author of the book. Each answer sheet has the team number and question number. Make sure you are using the correct answer sheet.

WHEN TIME is called, all pencils must be put down. A runner will collect the answers from each team and give them to the judges who will score each answer. The judges' decision is final.

SCORING - TOTAL OF 5 POSSIBLE POINTS

- **4 POINTS** - CORRECT ANSWER
- **1 POINT** - CORRECT FIRST AND LAST NAME OF THE AUTHOR
- **NO POINTS** - FOR PARTIALLY CORRECT ANSWERS. IF THE FIRST OR LAST NAME OF THE AUTHOR IS MISSING OR INCORRECT, NO POINT WILL BE AWARDED.

ONCE all the answers have been collected, the moderator will read the correct answer out loud and move on to the next question.

IF, FOR ANY REASON, an audience member is seen communicating with a team member or announces the answer before the 20 second answering period is done, the question will be discarded and a new question will be asked. A team risks disqualification if they are found communicating with an audience member.

FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD PLACE WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE!



**GO
TEAM!**