## HOW DOES MY TEAM REGISTER?

Registration begins on Monday, February 12, 2024. The coach should submit one registration form for the team. The registration form is found on the Library's website at <a href="https://www.baldwinlib.org/battle-of-the-books/">www.baldwinlib.org/battle-of-the-books/</a>. The last day for registration and team changes is Sunday, March 3, 2024.

#### 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 team stay on track and prepare for Battle. Coaches are responsible for arranging transportation for their team to and from Groves High School on the day of Battle.

#### WHAT IF I CANNOT FIND A TEAM?

Students who have not found a team can fill out the Need-a-Team form on the Library's website. This form will be open from Monday, February 26 through Friday, March 1, 2024. 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 MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

THE BATTLE WILL TAKE PLACE AT GROVES HIGH SCHOOL ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

TEAMS MUST BE AT GROVES BY 9:30 A.M.

THE BATTLE WILL COMMENCE AT 10:00 A.M.
ENDING BY 11:30 A.M.

### IMPORTANT DATES!

KICKOFF:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

TEAM REGISTRATION:

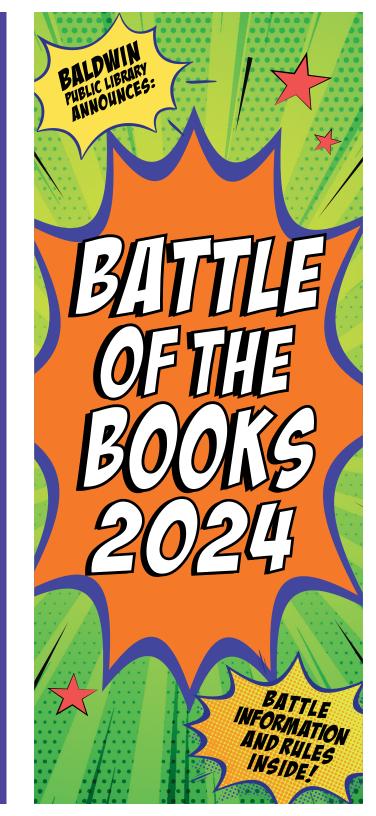
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

INFORMATIONAL ZOOM MEETING:
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024
AT 7:00 P.M.

LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION: SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

BATTLE DAY: SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CONTACT STEPHANIE KLIMMEK
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#### WHAT IS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS?

It is a program designed to foster a love of reading and to 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 Monday, December 4, 2023.

#### WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

All fourth and fifth graders who attend a Birmingham Public School are eligible to participate. Each team must have between 2 and 8 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.



# TEAM MEMBERS SIT TOGETHER on the floor of the

gym. Small blankets to sit on are allowed but all other items, including food, drink, and personal items must be left in the stands.

**SPIRIT WEAR** is encouraged!

#### STUDENTS WILL USE THEIR BPS MOBILE DEVICE

and Google Forms to answer questions. More details about this will be shared with registered teams.

# COACHES SHOULD HELP THEIR TEAM

find their seats and ensure the team has everything they need. Coaches then head to the stands where they can cheer on their team. Coaches do not sit with their teams during Battle.

## THE MODERATOR WILL READ THE QUESTION TWICE.

Students have 20 seconds to choose the right answer and then the next question will be read.

#### AFTER ALL THE FORMS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED

the moderator will give the correct answers.

### THERE ARE 25 MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS,

worth anywhere from 1 to 3 points. Point values will be noted.

#### TEAMS FOUND COMMUNICATING

with audience members and/or cheating risk disqualification.

#### FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD PLACE WINNERS

will receive a prize. In case of a tie, there will be a fill-in-the-blank tiebreaker question.

