

**BALDWIN
PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNOUNCES:**

BATTLE *OF* THE BOOKS

2027

WHAT IS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS?

A reading competition for all fourth and fifth graders in the Birmingham Public School District, designed to foster a love of reading and encourage students to read books outside their comfort zone. Students read six books and compete against other teams in a battle of trivia questions. **Battle Books will be announced and available for checkout starting on Monday, December 7, 2026 – Kickoff Day.**

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

All fourth and fifth graders who attend a Birmingham Public School are eligible to participate. Each team must have 3 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. If you cannot find a team by **Monday, February 1, 2027**, please contact Stephanie Klimmek at Stephanie.klimmek@baldwinlib.org.

HOW DO THE TEAMS REGISTER?

Registration begins on **Monday, January 11, 2027**. The team coach should submit one registration form for the team. The registration form is found on the Library's website at www.baldwinlib.org/battle-of-the-books. **The last day for registration is Monday, March 1, 2027.**

WHAT DOES THE COACH DO?

The coach is the contact person between the Battle team and the Baldwin Public Library. Coaches help their team create a name and build team spirit, register their team for Battle, make sure their team has transportation to and from the Battle, and make sure their team knows what to expect on Battle Day. A coach may be any interested adult: parents, grandparents, teachers, babysitters, etc.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

There will be a 30-minute informational meeting via Zoom to talk about Battle and answer questions. This meeting is open to parents, coaches, and students and will take place on **Thursday, December 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** Registration required at baldwinlib.org/calendar.





BATTLE DAY

WHEN IS THE BATTLE?

The Battle will take place at Groves High School on Saturday, March 13, 2027 at 10:00 a.m.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and teams should be at Groves by 9:45 a.m. The Battle will start at 10:00 a.m. and end by 11:30 a.m.

- Students will use their BPS issued laptop to answer the Battle questions.
- Students sit with their teams together on the gym floor during Battle while the coaches sit in the stands.
- Food & drink, mobile devices (excluding the BPS laptop), and personal items are not allowed on the gym floor during Battle.
- We will read each question twice. Students have 15 seconds to choose the right answer and then the next question will be read.
- After all questions have been read and all quizzes have been submitted, we will give the correct answers and announce the winners.
- First, second, and third place winners will receive a prize. There are also prizes for Best Team Name and Best Team Spirit.
- Teams found cheating and/or communicating with audience members risk disqualification.

QUESTIONS

There are 25 multiple choice questions worth 1, 2, or 3 points. There is a total of 50 possible points. There are 3 fill-in-the blank tiebreaker questions that will be used in case of a tie for first, second, or third place. Tiebreaker scoring details are found on the Battle website. The Battle questions will focus on the following:

- A direct quote from a character in the book
- A question about something that happens in the book
- A passage taken directly from the book
- A question about something from an illustration or a picture
- A question about a title and/or author

IMPORTANT DATES!

KICKOFF:
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2026

TEAM REGISTRATION STARTS:
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2027

LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION:
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2027

BATTLE DAY: SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2027 AT 10:00 A.M. AT GROVES HIGH SCHOOL

If you have further questions, please visit the Battle website at baldwinlib.org/battle-of-the-books or contact Stephanie Klimmek at Stephanie.klimmek@baldwinlib.org.

