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Clarence public library wins battle of the books

Second year Clarence takes the Gold

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is pleased to announce the winner of this year's *Battle of the Books* competition - Clarence Public Library. Under the coaching of Librarian David Fairlie and his wife, Donna, team members were Sarah Cahlstadt, Luca Cutara, Emily Gay, John Hudi, MaryGrace Jafarjian, Chloe Miller, Nina Raj and Julia Towne. Each took home a red ribbon medal and the Library, for the second year in a row, gets the coveted Battle trophy to display.

Marilla Free Library was first runner-up. The team was coached by Marilla Library Director Shannon Jakubowski, Cathy Urquhart and Michael Green. Team members were Katie Blair, Sarah Ziarniak, Kennedy Horning, Abigail Jusiak, Mary Owczarczak, Julia Hartloff and Morgan Bennett.

Second, third and fourth place teams were Clarence Public Library -Team # 2, Amherst Public Library - Team # 1 and Orchard Park Public Library - Team # 2, respectively.

Battle of the Books, in its 16th year, had more than 200 local participants, entering grades six – nine. There were 29 Battle teams representing 17 different Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries. All read the same five pre-selected books. The competition was held on Saturday at Erie Community College, South Campus. Photos of the event can be viewed on the Library System's Flickr page at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/buffalolib.org>.

Young people who love to read and want to participate in next year's *Battle of the Books* should contact their local Buffalo & Erie County Public Library. For more information call 858-8900 or visit: www.BuffaloLib.org.

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