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#### Free, Family-Friendly Event Saturday, August 5 @ ECC South

Local teens and pre-teens are gearing up for the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library's **Battle of the Books**, an exciting annual reading trivia competition featuring more than 150 contestants on 23 teams representing 14 area libraries.

**Battle of the Books** takes place **Saturday, August 5** at **Erie Community College-South Campus Gymnasium**, 4041 Southwestern Blvd. in Orchard Park. The public is encouraged to attend and support their favorite library team(s) during the fast-paced, nail-biting final round competition, which begins at approximately **11:15 a.m.** This family-oriented event is free and open to the public.

Now in its 19th year, **Battle of the Books** pairs participating library teams against one another. Teams comprised of enthusiastic young readers entering sixth through ninth grades read the same five preselected books. Then, they spend months practicing challenging trivia questions pertaining to each book before the big Battle showdown. This year's selected book titles are: *The Apothecary* by Maile Meloy, *The Great Greene Heist* by Varian Johnson, *The Iron Trial* by Holly Black, *The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley and *The Shrunken Head* by Lauren Oliver.

This year's Battle will honor David Fairlie, a beloved and dedicated librarian from Clarence Public Library who passed away earlier this year. Fairlie coached several Clarence teams to victory throughout the history of **Battle of the Books**, and his absence will be sorely felt.

The **2017 Battle of the Books** teams represent the following libraries:

Amherst Public Library

Boston Free Library

Crane Branch Library in Buffalo

Cheektowaga Public Library

Clarence Public Library

Eden Library

Elma Public Library

Grand Island Memorial Library

Hamburg Public Library

Town of Tonawanda Public Library - Kenmore Branch

Lancaster Public Library

Newstead Public Library

North Collins Public Library

Orchard Park Public Library

In 2016, the amazing team from Amherst Public Library took home the **Battle of the Books** trophy and each team member was awarded a gold medal. Silver medals were given to all of the hardworking members of the Grand Island Memorial Library, which was runner up.

**Battle of the Books** is part of the New York State Summer Reading initiative **Build a Better World**, taking place at all 37 Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries. Summer Reading focuses on fun activities and programs to encourage school-aged children to read during the summer months in an effort to advance their academic performance.

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