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Amherst Public Library Wins 2017 Battle of the Books

Amherst Readers take the Gold for 2nd Consecutive Year

The winner of the 2017 **Battle of the Books** competition, for the second year in a row, is **Amherst Public Library**. The runner-up team is Grand Island Memorial Library. This year's 19th annual **Battle of the Books** trivia event featured more than 150 local teen and preteen readers representing 14 Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries. Each read the same five books and then gathered at ECC South this past weekend to answer trivia questions about each book. The final round paired Amherst against Grand Island teams.

Members of the Amherst Public Library winning team:

Rebecca Collins

Grace Hwang

Sandeep Karunaratne

Victor Lim

Kelsey Moslow

Madison Wang

Joyce Yoon

The team was coached by Amherst Librarian Kristi Dougherty with assistant coaches Maureen O'Malley and Joseph Kenney.

Members of the Grand Island Memorial Library team:

Sophia Bobeck

Berin Celik

Austin Childs

Kelsie Greene

Alicia Hensel

Emma Oppedisano

Abishek Selvakumar

Casey Walowitz

The team was coached by Grand Island Librarian Marie Volpe with assistant coaches Stephanie Pritchard and Victoria Huang.

All 37 Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries and the Books on Wheels Bookmobile are currently offering hundreds of Summer Reading "Build a Better World" programs, including *Passport to Reading*, *Read Down Your Fines*, *Radio DJ Storytelling*, *Library Night @ Holland Speedway Races* and *Library Night @ the Ballpark with the Buffalo Bisons*. For more information, visit: www.BuffaloLib.org or call 716-858-8900.

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