



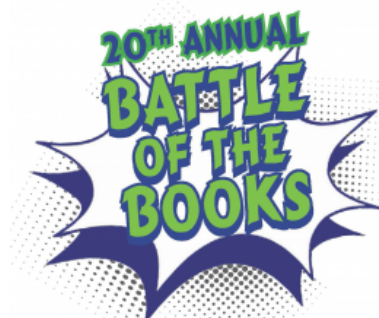
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20th A N N U A L



#1 Summer Reading Program and Team Trivia Competition

Saturday, August 4 @ ECC South Gym

Info: 716-858-8900

Libraries Gear Up for 20th Annual Battle of the Books

Free, Family Friendly, Teen Reading Competition

Local teens and pre-teens are gearing up for the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library's 20th Annual **Battle of the Books**, an exciting reading trivia competition featuring more than 149 participants on 24 teams representing 16 area libraries.

Battle of the Books takes place **Saturday, August 4 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 celebrating its 20th 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.

Over the years, **Battle of the Books** has seen more than 4,500 teens and pre-teens participate, reading 106 books and answering over 3,000 trivia questions! The first **Battle of the Books**, held in 1999, had six teams.

The 2018 **Battle of the Books** teams represent the following libraries:

Amherst Public Libraries

Boston Free Library

Cheektowaga Public Libraries

Buffalo Libraries- Crane Branch & downtown Central Library

Clarence Public Library

Eden Library

Elma Public Library

Grand Island Memorial Library

Hamburg Public Library

Kenmore Branch Library

Lackawanna Public Library

Lancaster Library

Newstead Public Library

North Collins Public Library

Orchard Park Public Library

This year's selected book titles are: *Red Queen* by Victoria Aveyard; *Soar* by Joan Bauer; *It Ain't So Awful, Falafel* by Firoozeh Dumas; *Click Here to Start* by Denis Markell and *Kid Owner* by Tim Green.

In 2017, 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 the Grand Island Memorial Library team, which was runner up.

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

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