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The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Announces the winner of the 20th annual ***Battle of the Books***, teen reading competition.

Congratulations to Clarence Public Library!

Winning team members from the Clarence Public Library were:

William Wisnoski
 Samuel Wisnoski
 Ruthie Bassarath
 Ethan Gay
 Rachel Gay
 Riley Saxton,
 Sophie Duquette
 Ryan Davidson

Clarence was coached by Sarah McLean-Plunkett.

The runner-up team was Grand Island Memorial Library, coached by Marie Volpe and Stephanie Pritchard.

Team members were:

Sophia Bobeck
 Elizabeth Carpenter
 Grace Carpenter
 Abishek Selvakumar
 Mara Wild

Battle of the Books was held earlier today at E.C.C. South. Several hundred family, friends, elected officials and library trustees attended to cheer on their library teams! This year, four of the event founders attended and were honored. Photos are now posted on the Library System Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/buffalolibrary.central?ref=ts>.

Battle of the Books teams represented 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 Public Library

Newstead Public Library

North Collins Public Library

Orchard Park Public Library

Book titles were: *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. Ciminelli Real Estate Corporation, Rich Products Corporation, National Grid, Greyline Outdoor Advertising, The Buffalo News, National Fuel and Walmart are sponsors of the Library's 2018 Summer Reading programs.

Click here to see photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/buffalolib/43860242322/in/photostream/>

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