



The Battle is On!

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Baldwin and Whitehall Public Libraries*

Build your team

with up to five friends per team and choose a team name.

Train

by reading books from the list provided, planning a team strategy, and designing themed shirts or team spirit gear.

Compete

against teams from all over the Baldwin-Whitehall area on **Thursday, May 11, 2017** at Whitehall Elementary School.

Junior Division Teams should arrive at 6:00 pm (begins at 6:30 pm)

Senior Division Teams should arrive at 7:15 pm (begins at 7:30 pm)

Win a trophy or certificate for participating.

Have fun!

Adult team managers may **register** teams at either **Baldwin or Whitehall Public Library now through April 7.**

Group reading lists will be distributed upon registration.

Questions?

Call Dolores at Baldwin Library 412-885-2255
or Denise at Whitehall Library 412-882-6622



Baldwin-Whitehall's Annual Battle of the Books

What is Battle of the Books?

The Battle of the Books is a program designed to encourage reading and give recognition to those who like to read. All team members read from the same list of selected books. They then compete with other teams by answering questions based on the books.

Who may participate?

Students from Baldwin and Whitehall Borough, as well as surrounding areas, may compete in either the **Junior Division – Grades 4/5**– or the **Senior Division – Grades 6/7**. **Participants must organize their own teams of up to five participants and submit a registration form to one of the public libraries. Each team must have an adult manager who must attend the battle with their team.**

What does a team manager do?

The adult team manager may be a parent, relative, or anyone over the age of 18 who will serve as a liaison between the team and the libraries. The team manager is responsible for filling out the registration form, keeping the team members motivated, gathering the team members for “trial battles,” and ensuring that the all team members arrive at their scheduled time.

What is the procedure for the Battle?

The Battle will be held **May 11, 2017 at Whitehall Elementary School**. Junior Team members **must arrive by 6:00 pm with a start time of 6:30 pm**. Senior Team members **must arrive by 7:15 pm with a start time of 7:30 pm**. Teams can dress alike if they choose. **We will have a "team spirit" trophy, so dress to show your spirit! Each team will have a chance to present a cheer, song, chant, or anything that shows team spirit! There are six rounds. Each round will consist of 5 questions (one question from each book per round). Tie breaker questions will be used only if necessary.** The Moderator will ask a specific question from each book title, and each team will have 20 seconds to discuss then write their answer.

Each question is worth **1 point**.

The top winning team with the most total points in each division will be awarded a trophy for their school to display as well as individual trophies for each team member. **ALL** students will receive a certificate of participation.

There will also be a trophy awarded to one team in each division that exemplifies “team spirit!”

Baldwin—Whitehall
Battle of the Books Registration
Junior Division
Grades 4 & 5

Team Name _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

School _____

Team Manager Name _____

Phone and Email _____

*Please return completed form to either
Baldwin or Whitehall Public Library before
April 7, 2017*

Baldwin—Whitehall
Battle of the Books Registration
Senior Division
Grades 6 & 7

Team Name _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

School _____

Team Manager Name _____

Phone and Email _____

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April 7, 2017*



**Battle of the Books 2017
Junior Division Reading List
Grades 4-5**

- **El Deafo** by Cece Bell
- **Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library** by Chris Grabenstein
- **The One and Only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate
- **The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963** by Christopher Paul Curtis
- **Wolves of Willoughby Chase** by Joan Aiken

**Battle of the Books 2017
Senior Division Reading List
Grades 6-7**

- **A Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel** by Madeleine L'Engle and Hope Larson
- **The Alchemist** by Michael Scott
- **It Ain't So Awful, Falafel** by Firoozeh Dumas
- **The Trials of Apollo** by Rick Riordan
- **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio

