



Mid-Michigan Library League

What is Battle of the Books?

Battle of the Books (BOB) is a program for students designed to promote reading. BOB is a quiz-based competition that features questions from a list of four books selected by librarians to interest a wide variety of readers. During the battle season, participants will read and meet with their teammates to talk about books while building camaraderie and a spirit of competition.

The MMLL Youth Committee is planning a BOB amongst MMLL libraries. Each local library would register local teams, provide access to the books on the reading list, provide time and space for Battle teams to meet and discuss the books they are reading, and organize a one-time local battle as an elimination event. Libraries can choose to run this program with only one of the age groups. Each participating MMLL library would then set up their “winning” teams for each grade division to a Grand Championship Battle via Zoom. There will be a Championship 3rd & 4th grade team, and then a Championship 5th & 6th grade team.

Funding for this program will come from the Mid-Michigan Library League.

A proposed timetable for this first BOB might be:

- Library registration begins November 28th – deadline December 7th. An online link will be sent to all MMLL libraries on November 28th.
- Team registration at individual libraries begins December 1st (Libraries can register their participants however they wish. Teams could be reading books over the holiday break)
- Books will be ordered December 7th (once we have confirmed libraries with registration). The plan is to send 1 set of books for each grade level to each registered library the second week of December.
- December 7th at 10am libraries can attend a Zoom meeting for more information. This Zoom will be recorded and available to anyone who cannot attend.
- January & February could be used for teams to practice, meet, and of course read the books on their list. This is up to each individual library. Library level competitions should take place in March.
- Grand Championship Battle takes place via Zoom April 20th (Saturday) 10am (3rd & 4th) **1pm** 5th & 6th) Individual medals and a travelling trophy will be awarded to each winning team and their library.

What does a battle look like? A moderator will be asking random questions of individual teams in a round robin. Sample questions could be:

- In which book was the main character, a poor boy from Ohio?
- A treasure is found on the beach in which book?
- In the book “The Music of the Dolphins” what is Mila’s greatest fear once the humans find her?

We will award bonus points if the team answers the first question correctly and can name the author of the book.