## MMLL 2024 Battle of the Books Competition Process

## For the individual library battles:

Set up recommendations: have each team sit together at a table facing the front of the room (so everyone can see and hear the moderator). If tables aren't available, teams can sit together in a semi-circle or similar arrangement. The moderator should be at a table or podium, possibly with a microphone (if you have one). If you anticipate an audience, have an area set up away from the teams to sit and watch. You will also need a scorekeeper. A sample record keeping form is on the last page of this document to use or not, your choice.

The moderator should introduce the teams and team members and explain that the battle taking place will determine which team(s) will be representing their library at the Battle of the Books finals on Saturday, April $20^{\text {th }}$ via a Zoom event.

Explain to all at the event that the goal of Battle of the Books is to encourage team members to read for fun and understanding, and to prepare for this friendly competition. We recommend that you start with a trial run asking each team one of the sample questions listed on the question list without awarding points so team(s) can practice before the actual competition begins. If you wish, you can pull team names randomly and establish the order teams will be asked questions.

## Competition begins...

In a round robin format, teams will be asked a question about one of the books from their grade level reading list individually (no buzzer beaters or first to raise their hand). The team will have 10 seconds to answer the question. If they answer the question correctly, the moderator will say "correct" the team will receive one point and the question is removed from the list of possible questions. If the team doesn't answer correctly, the moderator will simply respond "incorrect" and move on to the next team. That question will remain in the competition to be used LATER in the list of questions. Please don't ask the same question right away.

Questions should be asked in the order presented on the question sheet, with incorrectly answered questions kept in order, but asked once you have completed all the questions listed.

The number of question rounds should be at least 8, but you can certainly ask more questions if time allows. Just make sure each team has an equal number of chances to answer a question. A good practice is when the final round of questions is about to begin, letting teams know that this is the final round.

Once the rounds are complete, points are tallied, and the individual winners are announced. Please make sure the teams know about the final competition on April $20^{\text {th }}$ via Zoom and let them know how your library will be participating (at the library, somewhere else, etc.). Finally, send to team names and individual member names to Cindi Place bellairelibrary@torchlake.com or Sarah Welch

