

## Valley View Middle School "Battle of the Books"

*"America's Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading incentive program for students in grades 3-12. The purpose is simply to encourage students to read good books and have fun while competing with peers."*

We are excited to kick off our fifth year of Battle of the Books at Valley View Middle School! Interested students will be part of a team of between 1 to 6 students. Each team member will choose 6 books to read; however, we encourage students to read as many books as they would like from the list. There are 24 books on the list. On February 4, 2025, teams will come together for a game show style tournament during school where they will work as a team to answer questions about the books on the list. (See attached sheet for book list) Students do not have to read every book on the list; however, the more books each person on the team reads, the better chance they have when answering questions in a battle.

The questions are written like this example.

Question: In what book is there a dog named Watch? Answer: Boxcar Children by Warner  
(The answer is always a title and author's' last name)

Students may form their own teams. They must turn in their team form together with other students they would like on their team (up to 6 per team). You DO NOT need to form a full team to submit your permission slip; we will form teams for all students that do not have a full team request or friend preference. **I will accept the first 160 students that sign up.**

We have six copies of each book in our school library and digital copies on Sora that students will be able to check out. The books are also available at the Salem public library.

Students interested in participating must return the signed permission slip to Mrs. Mower in the library by **Friday, October 4th!** We will meet every Wednesday during recess in the library starting on October 23rd.

**We need volunteers to help run battles during school hours on Tuesday, February 4th. If you would like to help out during that event, please email Mrs. Mower at [allison.mower@nebo.edu](mailto:allison.mower@nebo.edu).**

Questions...call or email!

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## Yes, I will participate in Battle of the Books!

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name:

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Team Members:

1- \_\_\_\_\_

2- \_\_\_\_\_

3- \_\_\_\_\_

4- \_\_\_\_\_

5- \_\_\_\_\_

6- \_\_\_\_\_

If you need to be assigned a team because none of your friends are cool readers, just let me know here!

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Please return this slip to Mrs. Mower in the library!

## Battle of the Books 2024/25 Book List

Book Name	Author	Genre	Individual Reading	Read
<i>24 Hours to Nowhere</i>	Dusti Bowling	Adventure p. 260		
<i>The Princess Companion</i>	Melanie Cellier	Fairy Tale p. 319		
<i>The Wishing Spell</i>	Chris Colfer	Folklore p. 438		
<i>Swim Team</i>	Johnnie Christmas	GN/Realistic p. 247		
<i>The Mona Lisa Vanishes</i>	Nicholas Day	Nonfiction p. 252		
<i>When Life Gives you Lemons, Make Peach Pie</i>	Erin Soderberg Downing	Humor P.256		
<i>The Eyes of the Impossible</i>	Dave Eggers	Adventure p. 249		
<i>Starfish</i>	Lisa Fipps	Realistic/Verse p. 244		
<i>Game Changer</i>	Tommy Greenwald	Sports/Verse p. 320		
<i>Storm Dragons</i>	Julie Kawaga	Fantasy p. 329		
<i>Slugfest</i>	Gordon Korman	Humor/Sports p. 292		
<i>Skulduggery Pleasant</i>	Derek Landy	Mystery p. 361		
<i>Freewater</i>	Amina Luqman-Dawson	Historical Fic p. 403		
<i>The Lost Year</i>	Katherine Marsh	Historical Fic p. 338		
<i>Mexikid</i>	Pedro Martin	GN/Realistic p. 315		
<i>Lei and the Fire Goddess</i>	Malia Maunakea	Adventure p. 298		
<i>The Radium Girls (Y. R.)</i>	Kate Moore	Nonfiction p. 348		
<i>Ghostlight</i>	Kenneth Oppel	Horror/Sup p. 387		
<i>Impossible Escape</i>	Steve Sheinkin	Nonfiction p.220		
<i>Peak</i>	Roland Smith	Adventure p. 246		
<i>The Hobbit</i>	J.R.R. Tolkien	Classic , p. 276		
<i>The Nebula Secret</i>	Trudi Trueit	SciFic p. 207		
<i>Half Moon Summer</i>	Elaine Vickers	Realistic/Verse p. 272		
<i>The Orphan Keeper</i>	Camron Wright	True Fiction p. 265		