

**Klamath County Library's
Oregon Battle of the Books
Guidelines**

- Students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades (21-22 school year) are eligible to participate.
- Registration is required to participate.
- Participants must be registered before attending a meeting. ***The last day registrations will be accepted is Monday, November 1st.***
- You will receive a registration confirmation within a week of registering. If you do not receive it, please contact Katie Hart at khart@klamathlibrary.org or (541)882-8894.

Over seven months, Klamath County Library's Oregon Battle of the Books program will include book club meetings, practice battles, and then a short series of battles to crown a winning team. Students will be placed on teams after the completion of the book club meetings. They will be grouped so that every book has been read by at least 1-2 kids on each team.

Participants are responsible for reading the books and attending meetings. They are encouraged to read the books more than once to help retain as much information as possible.

To be able to participate in practice battles and battles, participants must attend at least 2 book club meetings. Exceptions can be made for extenuating circumstances.

Meetings (October-February)

Two opportunities to attend each month: (*Note material covered at South will be the SAME material covered at the meeting at the Main Branch, so just plan to attend whichever meeting works best for you each month.*)

- South Suburban Library 2nd Thursday of the month 4pm
- Main Library 2nd Friday of the month 4pm
- One exception: November's meetings will be during the 3rd week to avoid Veteran's Day
- Each monthly meeting will cover four books. You will receive a schedule of books.
- You don't have to read all four books for each meeting! Try to read at least one.
- At the meeting we will discuss the books, do practice questions and trivia games.
- Come to the meeting even if you didn't enjoy what you read. Come and tell us why you didn't like it and help create a fun discussion around the book!

After we have covered all the books, we will use February's meeting to review all 16 books.

Meetings (March and April)

After our February meeting, I will ask everyone to give me a complete list of the books they have read for Battle of the Books.

Before our March meeting, I will be forming the teams. To ensure a fair playing field, I'm be dividing up participants based on the books they read. Once the teams are formed, it will be the team's responsibility to communicate with each other and practice if they choose to.

The number of formal battles will depend on participation and number of teams. If we only have two teams, we will do a best two out of three. If we have four or more, it will take on a tournament style bracket.

Dates of battles will be determined later in the school year.

Remember, this is supposed to be fun!

Challenge yourself, but remember it is only a game.

Behavior Expectations

1. The Golden Rule- treat others the way you want to be treated!
2. Let everyone have a chance to talk and answer questions.
3. Good sportsmanship- it's okay to be upset at not winning. It is not okay to say mean things about the other team or your teammates.
4. Communicate if there are any problems or if you have any questions.