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Dear Parents of Middle Schoolers:

We are excited to announce our first annual Middle School Battle of the Books, hosted by the Clinton-Macomb Public Library! This is a chance for any 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grader who lives or goes to school in Macomb or Clinton Townships to work on teams of 2 to 5 students and read a selection 10 books. The program will conclude in a trivia battle on Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 3:30 pm where they will answer questions about the books. Prizes will be given out for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The teams will also have the opportunity to choose their team name and team attire. Best team name and attire will also win a prize.

Prizes will be awarded at our Award Ceremony on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 from 6-8pm. Join us for awards and for a special visit from one of the authors on our booklist!

We will be kicking off the program on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6pm at the Main Library. Join us for snacks and more information on how to participate! This is an optional event and not required to participate in the program.

Each team will need one adult coach. This person will help the students prepare and will also be the point of contact. Communication will be made mostly over email, so when registering please provide an up-to-date email address. Please see the Tips for Coaches to learn how easy it is to be a coach.

Each team will want to read all 10 titles; however, this can be achieved in whatever way the team would like. Students may choose to split titles up amongst teammates or every reader might choose to read every book. This is entirely up to the students and their coach.

Coaches must register teams for the Battle. Registration can be done online, in person, or over the telephone. To register online, go to [www.cmpl.org/school-bob/](http://www.cmpl.org/school-bob/). There will be a link to direct you to registration.

Multiple copies of the Battle titles will be available at the Main location of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library for checkout. The North and South Branches both own at least one copy of each title as well and all titles can be placed on hold for pick up at any CMPL location. All titles are also available through our Overdrive or Hoopla apps. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Youth Services Department at the Main Library at (586) 226-5030 or email our School Outreach Librarians at [YSOutreach@cmpl.org](mailto:YSOutreach@cmpl.org).

### **Tips for Battle of the Books Coaches**

1. Set up a meeting schedule for the team.
2. Try reading the summary of each book out loud and seeing if your students can identify the title and author
3. Have students list the main character(s) of each book
4. Practice writing each title and author in under 30 seconds
5. **MOST IMPORTANTLY:** have fun! This is an opportunity to work and talk with your child and their friends. It should be more fun than work!
6. For more coaching tips, make sure to attend the Battle Kickoff Party on November 13<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

Katie Perkey

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Clinton-Macomb Public Library

## Middle School Battle of the Books 2024

*Becoming RBG* by Debbie Levy

*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba

*The Golden Hour* by Niki Smith

*The Iron Trial* by Holly Black

*A Kind of Spark* by Elle McNicoll

*The Last Cuentista* by Donna Barba Higuera

*Miles Morales: Shock Wave* by Justin Reynolds

*My Nest of Silence* by Matt Faulkner

*The National Parks: Preserving America's Wild Places* by Falynn Koch

*Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden



