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Dear Parents of 5th Graders:

We are excited for our upcoming 5th Grade Battle of the Books, hosted by the Clinton-Macomb Public Library! This is a chance for any 5th 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 of excellent books from a variety of genres. The program will conclude in a trivia battle on Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 1 pm, where they will answer questions about the books. Prizes will be given out for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The teams will also have the opportunity to choose their team name and team costumes. Best team name and costume will also win a prize.

Each team will need one adult coach. This person will help the students prepare for the competition in whatever way they deem best. This person 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.

While the Battle will be an official competition with scorekeeping and prizes, we will consider it a win if every student who participates reads one book that they wouldn't have otherwise! As librarians, this is our chance to introduce students to great books they may not have heard of. We believe that this program is crucial for children who are reaching an age when some of them are giving up on reading for pleasure. It is also a useful tool to get students to talk about books and reading with parents and teachers.

Each team should read all 12 titles; however, this can be achieved in whatever way the team sees fit. Each student may be assigned certain books or all team members may decide to read every one. This is entirely up to the students and their coach.

We will be kicking off the program on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6 pm at the Main library. Students and parents are invited to this Kick-Off Party to learn all the details on this exciting program including how Battle works, tips for coaches, how to sign up, and more. Join us for snacks and a sneak peek at our guest Battle Author for 2024!

Coaches must register teams for the Battle. Registration can be done online, in person, or over the phone. **To register online, go to www.cmpl.org/school-bob. There will be a link to direct you to registration. Teams who register by December 1, 2023, will receive, by email, one question that will appear in the actual battle.**

Multiple copies of the Battle titles will be available at the Main location of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library for checkout to those who have officially registered after September 1, 2022. The North and South Branches both own at least one copy of each title as well. 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.

Sincerely,

Katie Perkey & Julie Moore

Clinton-Macomb Public Library

5th Grade Battle of the Books 2024 Titles:

The Beatryce Prophecy by Kate DiCamillo

Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Curtis

Escape at 10,000 Feet by Tom Sullivan

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein

Falling Short by Ernesto Cisneros

Flipping Forward Twisting Backward by Alma Fullerton

Four Eyes by Rex Ogle

Her Right Foot by Dave Eggers

The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson

My Nest of Silence by Matt Faulkner

Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas

Three Strike Summer by Skyler Schrempf

