

6th GRADE

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2011



**Moon Township Public
Library
&
Sewickley Public Library**

**Monday, February 28, 2010
7:00 PM**

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**Sewickley Academy's
Hansen Library**

You will need to have a responsible person, 18 years or over, to act as your **Team Manager**. The Team Manager is there to help you get organized, practice for the battle, and provide transportation the night of the event. In the past, teams have asked a parent, a teacher, an older sibling, or their school librarian to be Team Managers.

Here are some rules that you' ll need to know about before heading into library to check out books for the Battle of the Books:

1. Books may be borrowed for 1 week and renewed once.
2. There is a limit of **2 books allowed on a single library card at one time**.
3. The books can only be borrowed on a library card belonging to a team member. **Team Managers are not to check out books for their teams**.
4. The books will be available at Sewickley Library, Moon Library, and your school libraries.
5. Overdue fines for Battle Books are **\$.25/day**.
6. If the library doesn' t have the book because all copies have been checked out, ask a librarian to order you a copy from another library- this service is free!

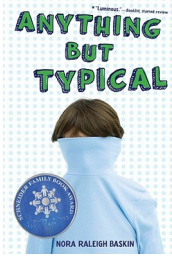
So now, here' s what happens on the night of the Book Battle. First, your team will need to arrive at Hansen Library 15 minutes before the start time (that' s 6:45 PM). You' ll sign in and set up your table. Each team will be given a pad of paper and a pencil to use. Your team manager will be present, but he/she will be working as a Scorekeeper for another team to be named at the battle.

The Battle Moderator will begin by asking the first question twice. Once the question is asked twice, the Timekeeper will allow **20 seconds for teams to deliberate and write down their answers**. At the end of the 20 seconds, one team will have the chance to answer out loud (the answering team will vary every question). The Battle Moderator will announce the correct answer and the Team Scorekeepers will mark how many points were won. If your team answers correctly you get 4 points plus a bonus point if you can give the last name of the author. **This means that each question is worth a potential 5 points. Answers must be specific.** The moderator and judges will decide if an answer given is correct, and **that decision is final**. There will be three rounds with one question from each book per round.

At the end of each round, scorecards will be collected and verified. At the end of the third round, the Judges will tally all scores. If there is a tie, a special lightning round will take place between the tied teams. Once a clear winner has been made, the Battle Moderator will announce the winners. **The top three teams will receive prizes.**

So, are you interested yet? To get started grab this booklist and a registration form. Find four friends in 6th grade, find a responsible adult to be a Team Manager, create a name for your team, and start reading!!! All final registration forms are due **January 24, 2011 by 8:00 PM**.

Questions??? Visit the B.O.B WIKI @
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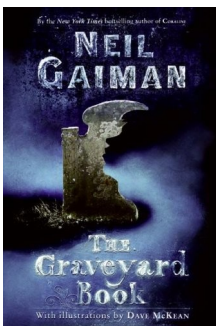
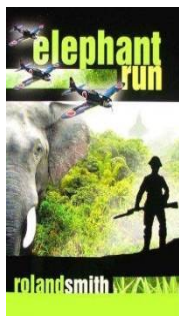


Anything But Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin

Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world

Elephant Run by Roland Smith

Nick endures servitude, beatings, and more after his British father's plantation in Burma is invaded by the Japanese in 1941, and when his father and others are taken prisoner and Nick is stranded with his friend Mya, they plan a daring escape on elephants, risking their lives to save Nick's father and Mya's brother from a Japanese prisoner of war camp.

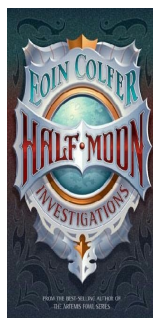
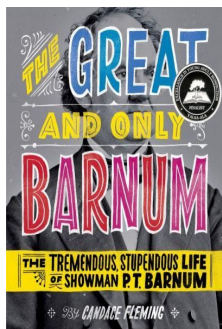


The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard.

The Great and Only Barnum by Candace Fleming

Thrill to the audacity! Gasp at the hucksterism! Come one, come all to the jaw-dropping, larger-than-life biography of expert humbugger, relentless curiosity seeker, and unparalleled showman P.T. Barnum.



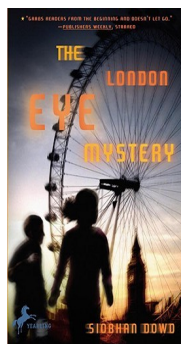
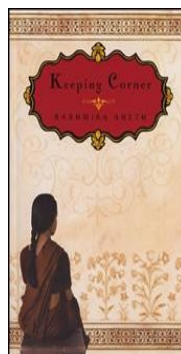
Gilda Joyce: Psychic Investigator by Jennifer Allison

Half-Moon Investigations by Eion Colfer

When Fletcher Moon, the youngest detective in the world, is framed for a crime he did not commit, he must team up with the unlikeliest of allies, run from the authorities, and solve the case within twelve hours to clear his name.

Keeping Corner by Kashmira Sheth

In India during World War I, thirteen-year-old Leela's happy, spoiled childhood ends when her husband since age nine, whom she barely knows, dies, leaving her a widow whose only hope of happiness could come from Mahatma Ghandi's social and political reforms.

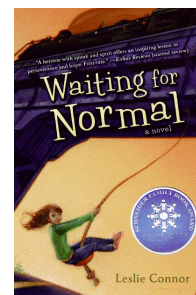
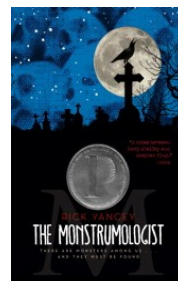


The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

Monstrumologist by Rick Yancy

In 1888, twelve-year-old Will Henry chronicles his apprenticeship with Dr. Warthrop, a scientist who hunts and studies real-life monsters, as they discover and attempt to destroy a pod of Anthropophagi.



Waiting for Normal by Leslie Connor

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

The Willoughbys by Lois Lowry

In this tongue-in-cheek take on classic themes in children's literature, the four Willoughby children set about to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.



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Battle of the Books

Information for Students

The Battle of the Books is a competition where teams made up of five teens (in this case 6th graders) read the chosen books and then participate in a trivia contest about those books. It's a fun way to get some recreational reading done and actually get rewarded for it with some great prizes.

As a team, you need to assign the books to be read by the various team members. You can have each team member read two books, have all team members read all books, or some combination between. It's really up to you!