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## What is Battle of the Books?

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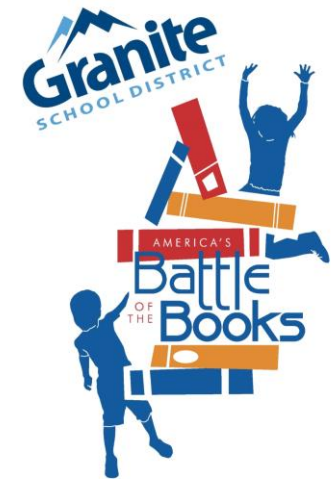
Throughout the school year, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students in Granite School District are encouraged to read as many books as they can from this list.

Students who read at least five of the books by January will be able to create teams and compete in school level competitions.

Once schools have completed their competitions, their top two teams will then be invited to compete in a district-wide competition during the spring of 2018.

If you have questions about the Battle of the Books program, please contact:  
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# Granite School District Educational Technology



## 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Battle of the Books 2017-2018

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# 2017-2018 List

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## ***Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman**

A hidden book. A found cipher. A game begins...

## ***Circus Mirandus* by Cassie Beasley**

When he realizes that his grandfather's stories of an enchanted circus are true, Micah Tuttle sets out to find the mysterious Circus Mirandus.

## ***The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander**

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court.

## ***The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer Holm**

Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager, which makes for complicated relationships.

## ***Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras* by Duncan Tonatiuh**

Presents the life of the Mexican artist, who became famous for his drawings of skeletons, which have become identified with the Mexican Day of the Dead.

## ***Ghost* by Jason Reynolds**

Ghost wants to be the fastest sprinter on his school track team, but his past is slowing down.

## ***The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill**

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon.

## ***The Great Trouble: A Mystery of London, the Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel* by Deborah Hopkinson**

Eel, an orphan, and his best friend Florrie must help Dr. John Snow prove that cholera is spread through water, and not poisonous air, when an epidemic sweeps across their London neighborhood in 1854.

## ***Holes* by Louis Sachar**

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune, which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

## ***The Nameless City* by Faith Erin Hicks**

Every nation that invades the City gives it a new name, but before long, new invaders arrive in the City changes hands once again.

## ***A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park**

Tree-ear, a twelve-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.

## ***The View from Saturday* by E.L. Konigsburg**

Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

## ***When Zachary Beaver Came to Town* by Kimberly Willis Holt**

During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal meet the star of a sideshow act, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world.

## ***A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle**

Meg and Charles Wallace set out with their friend Calvin in a search for their father. His top-secret job as a physicist for the government has taken him away and the children search through time and space to find him.

## ***A Year Down Yonder* by Richard Peck**

During the recession of 1937, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois and comes to a better understanding of this fearsome woman.

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# 2017-2018 List Highlights

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## Newbery Medal Winners

1963- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle

1997- *The View from Saturday* by E.L. Konigsburg

1999- *Holes* by Louis Sachar

2001- *A Year Down Yonder* by Richard Peck

2002- *A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park

2015- *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander

2017- *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill

## 2018 Beehive Nominees

*Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds

*The Nameless City* by Faith Erin Hicks



## Author Spotlight: Jennifer Holm

Other titles also written by Jennifer Holm

