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What is Battle of the Books?

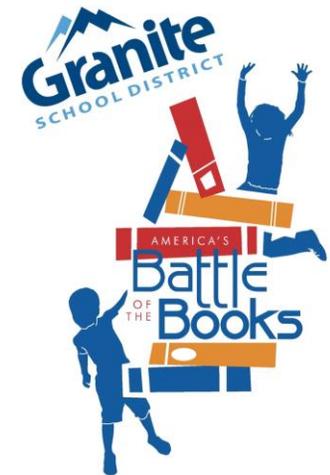
Throughout the school year, 5th-6th grade students in Granite School District are encouraged to read as many books as they can from this list.

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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5th-6th Grade Battle of the Books 2017-2018

2017-2018 List

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.

2017-2018 List Highlights

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

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Ghost by Jason Reynolds

The Nameless City by Faith Erin Hicks



Author Spotlight: Jennifer Holm

Other titles also written by Jennifer Holm

