

Register online by following the instructions below.
Please contact us if you do not receive a response to your email
within 5 business days.

To register your Battle team simply log on to the Battle Web site at
www.bookbattle.ca.

Click on the registration link.
**You will need to provide the
password which was included in your Battle Invitation letter.**

Please remember to register separately for the Junior division (grades 4/5/6)
and the Senior division Battles (grades 7 & 8).
Thank you!

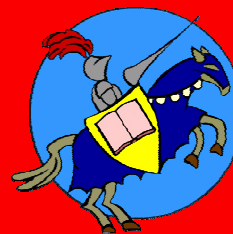
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Key Dates

Registration: Due January 13, 2012
Semi-Final: April 19, 2012 - 12:30 p.m.
Final Battle: April 24, 2012 - 1:30 p.m.
Regional Final: April 26, 2012 - 8:00 p.m.



Durham Region Public Libraries

Battle of the Books 2012

Senior Division Official Rules & Booklist

Our Goals

Students: Have fun reading good books from a wide variety of authors and genres.

Educators: Encourage reading, foster friendly competition, and nurture the love of books in young people.

Libraries: Encourage young people to read a wide variety of books and to engage with their local library.

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SENIOR BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2012
OFFICIAL RULES

1.) One team of **six students from grades 7 or 8** will represent each school. Method of selection of team members is decided by the team coordinator at each school.

NOTE: Up to **three substitutes** may rotate between the rounds of play. **No team shall have more than nine players in total** (six regular team members and three substitutes).

2.) **Each team will have a spokesperson** designated by the team coordinator. While the team is encouraged to discuss possible answers, **team answers will only be accepted from the spokesperson.**

3.) The Semi-Finals will consist of three rounds of play, and the Finals will have one round. Each round features a Regular Battle and a Lightning Battle.

4.) **Regular Battle questions will be addressed to teams alternately**, regardless of the last correct answer. There will be 12 Regular Battle questions per round. When asked a question teams will have **20 seconds** to provide the book's title and author (see booklist).

5.) During this 20-second time period the team to which a question is addressed may have the question repeated as many times as they wish but this will cut into the allotted time to provide an answer. The team may give a **maximum of three title and three author guesses per question**, via the spokesperson.

6.) **Three points** will be given if the team correctly identifies the **exact title**, and **three points** will be awarded for correctly identifying the **author's surname**. The author's first name does not need to be identified.

7.) The **Lightning Battles** will be featured at the end of each round. Lightning Battles consist of a **2 minute, 30 seconds time period** during which each team is asked up to 12 questions. These questions concern details of the books and will not require teams to identify titles or authors. Each correctly answered Lightning Battle question will be worth three points. In the Lightning Battles, teams submit as many guesses as they wish to each question but this will use up time. Scores from the Lightning Battles will be added to the scores from the Regular Battles.

8.) If a team disagrees with the moderator's initial ruling on an answer the team may **challenge** the ruling immediately after the Regular question or immediately after the end of the Lightning Battle. A team may only challenge rulings on its own answers. Moderators will either keep their original ruling or may provide a **randomly selected alternative question** as a substitution.

9.) When a **tie-breaker** is necessary each team in the tie-breaker will be asked extra Lightning Battle questions. **The spokesperson must provide one correct answer within twenty seconds.** No guesses will be allowed and an incorrect answer will result in elimination. The last team standing wins the tie-breaker round.

10.) The **top three** teams from the Semi-Finals in each municipality will go on to play in their municipal Finals. The gold medal teams from the Finals competitions will go on to represent their municipalities in the Durham Regional Championship.

- ★ There may be **no** help from coordinators or spectators.
- ★ The moderator's decisions **will be final.**
- ★ All decisions made by the **Battle Committee** are final.

2012 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS BOOKLIST

Grades 7/8

ADVENTURE

Click by Linda Sue Park
Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi
The Girl Who Could Fly by Victoria Forester
Journey to Atlantis by Philip Roy
Starclimber by Kenneth Oppel
Tiger's Curse by Colleen Houck

FAMILY

Does My Head Look Big In This? by Randa Abdel-Fatteh
Models Don't Eat Chocolate Cookies by Erin Dionne
Word Nerd by Susin Nielsen
So.Be.It by Sarah Weeks
Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson
Wild Geese by Caroline Pignat

FANTASY

How to Ditch Your Fairy by Justine Larbaestier
Radiance by Alyson Noel
Robe of Skulls by Vivien French
The Stone Child by Dan Poblocki
Throne of Fire by Rick Riordan
The Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

FAVOURITES

Evil Star by Anthony Horowitz
Life As We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer
Penderwicks on Gardam Street by Jeanne Birdsall
The Reckoning by Kelley Armstrong
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle

MYSTERY

Airhead by Meg Cabot
Death by Denim by Linda Gerber
Eye of the Crow by Shane Peacock
London Calling by Edward Bloor
The Ruby in the Smoke by Philip Pullman
Theodore Boone Kid Lawyer by John Grisham

RED MAPLE

Fanatics by William Bell
Fly Boy by Eric Walters
Half Brother by Kenneth Oppel
Haunting Violet by Alyxandra Harvey
Thunder Over Kandahar by Sharon E. McKay
Torn from Troy by Patrick Bowman