

What does a team manager do?

The team manager will serve as a liaison between the team and the libraries. The team manager is responsible for filling out the registration form, keeping the team members motivated, and arranging meetings with their team. Team managers also assist during the Battle by relaying answer sheets to the judges.

What is the procedure for the Battle?

The Battle will be held **Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at the Chartiers Valley Middle School at 1:00 PM.** Team members can be dressed alike if they choose. There are 3 rounds. Each round consists of 5 questions, or 1 question per book (tie breaker questions will be used only if necessary). The moderator will read a question. The team will have 30 seconds to decide and write an answer. The answer to each question will be a book title and the author's last name.

Each question is worth a possible **5 points:**

- 4 points for a correct book title
- 1 point for the correct author's last name.

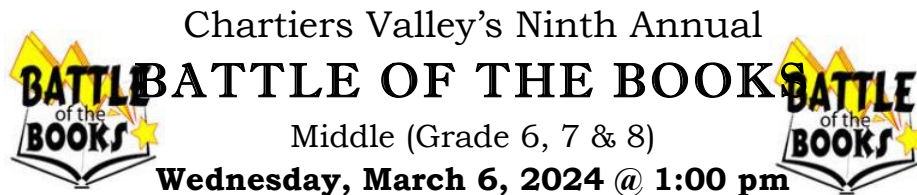
Answers must be spelled correctly to receive points.

Answers must be written exactly as indicated on "Answer Sheet."

Registration deadline is: February 21, 2024
Questions? Call!

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What is Battle of the Books?

The Battle of the Books is a program designed to encourage reading and give recognition to those who like to read. All team members read from the same list of selected books. They then compete with other teams by answering questions based on the books.

Who may participate?

Students from Chartiers Valley in 6, 7 & 8 grade may compete. Participants must organize their own teams of two or three students and submit a registration form to Scott or Bridgeville Public Library. Each team must select a manager.

Registration

Registration deadline is **February 21, 2024.** Registration forms may be picked up or downloaded at participating sites. **Sponsored by Scott & Bridgeville Public Libraries.**

How to prepare:

Plan a strategy, read books from the list provided, **memorize the way titles & authors must be written for the battle**, choose a team name and design shirts or costumes if you want. The team with the best costumes gets a special prize.

Win a trophy or certificate for participating. **Have fun!**

Merci Suárez Changes Gears

by Meg Medina

Pub. 2018 --- 368 pages

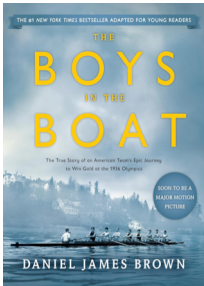


Merci Suarez knew that sixth grade would be different, but she had no idea just how different. When bossy Edna Santos sets her sights on the new boy who happens to be Merci's school-assigned Sunshine Buddy, Merci becomes the target of Edna's jealousy. Things aren't going well at home, either: Merci's grandfather and most trusted ally, Lolo, has been acting strangely lately — forgetting important things, falling from his bike, and getting angry over nothing. No one in her family will tell Merci what's going on, so she's left to her own worries, while also feeling all on her own at school.

The Boys in the Boat

by Daniel James Brown

Pub. 2016 --- 256 pages



It was an unlikely quest from the start. With a team composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew team was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, yet they did, going on to shock the world by defeating the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler.

This Was Our Pact (Graphic Novel)

by Ryan Andrews

Pub. 2019 --- 336 pages



It's the night of the annual Autumn Equinox Festival, when the town gathers to float paper lanterns down the river. Legend has it that after drifting out of sight, they'll soar off to the Milky Way and turn into brilliant stars, but could that actually be true? This year, Ben and his classmates are determined to find out where those lanterns really go, and to ensure success in their mission, they've made a pact with two simple rules: No one turns for home. No one looks back.

Unseen Magic

by Emily Lloyd-Jones

Pub. 2022 --- 352 pages

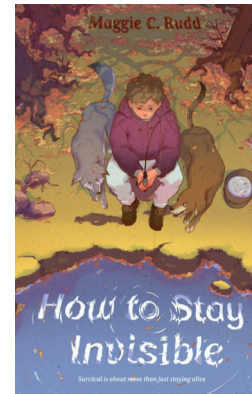


The magic-infused town of Aldermere is the first place eleven-year-old Fin has ever felt safe--and she'll do whatever it takes to save her home when she accidentally unleashes a shadow self who wreaks havoc everywhere she goes.

How to Stay Invisible

by Maggie C. Rudd

Pub. 2023 --- 240 pages



Twelve-year-old Raymond Hurley has never had a place to call home. His free-wheeling parents move their family from town to town, and he's living in a trailer in a brand-new state when one day, they just up and abandon him. All alone with nothing but a duffle bag full of clothes and his reliable pup, Rosie, he is forced to live in the woods behind his middle school.

Raymond scrapes by and doesn't tell anyone his secret. This isn't the first time he's had to rely on himself. Soon, he learns that his fate will depend not just on his wilderness skills, but on the people and animals he chooses to trust.