



Elementary Battle of the Books List 2022-2023

Battle of the Books began as a program for middle school students, grades 6-8. The program has expanded to include the elementary and high school levels. Students at participating schools read books from a list established by the state Battle of the Books committees and then compete in quiz-bowl-style tournaments to test their knowledge of these books.

Teaching Resources Center, Joyner Library A Selective Annotated Bibliography

Titles in the Teaching Resources Center are cataloged with Dewey call numbers and are preceded by Curric. Please ask someone at the Teaching Resources Service Desk if you need any assistance.

Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
2022-2023 School Year		
4 - 6	Applegate, Katherine. <i>Crenshaw</i> . New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2015. Jackson and his family have fallen on hard times. There's no more money for rent, and not much for food, either. His parents, his little sister, and their dog may have to live in their minivan. Again. Crenshaw is a cat. He's large, he's outspoken, and he's imaginary. He's been gone for four years, but has come back into Jackson's life to help him. Can an imaginary friend be enough to save this family from losing everything?	F AP52C
3 - 12	Cole, Henry. <i>A Nest for Celeste</i> . New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2010.	F C6749N

Celeste, a mouse longing for a real home, becomes a source of inspiration to teenaged Joseph, assistant to the artist and naturalist John James Audubon, at a New Orleans, Louisiana, plantation in 1821.

- 4 - 7 Faruqi, Saadia . *A Place at the Table*. New York: Clarion Books, 2020. F
F251P

In Paris with his parents to sell family heirlooms, fourteen-year-old Greg Rich suddenly finds himself four hundred years in the past, and is aided by boys who will one day be known as "The Three Musketeers."

- 5 - 8 Gibbs, Stuart. *The Last Muskateer*. New York: Harper, 2011. F
G355L

When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.

- 4 - 7 Giles, Lamar. *The Last Last-Day-of-Summer*. New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2019. F
G3925L

Otto and Sheed Alston are local sleuths in their zany Virginia town, masters of unraveling mischief using their unmatched powers of deduction. As summer winds down and the first day of school looms, the boys are craving just a little more time for fun, eve as they bicker over what kind of fun they want to have. That is, until a mysterious man named Mr. Flux appears with a camera that literally freezes time. Now, with the help of some very strange people and even stranger creature Otto and Sheed will have to put aside their differences to save their town--and each other. The Legendary Alston Boys have always lived in the moment, but if they don't do something fast, they may be living this moment forever.

- 3 - 6 Graff, Lisa. *The Great Treehouse War*. New York: Puffin Books, 2017. F
G758GR

When Winnie's parents get divorced, her frustration at their constant fighting starts to grow until it's as big as a tree itself. By the end of fifth grade, Winnie decides that the only way to change things is to barricade herself in her treehouse until her parents come to their senses--and her friends decide to join. It's kids vs. grown-ups, and no one wants to back down first. But with ten kids in one treehouse, all with their own demands, things get pretty complicated!.

- 4 - 6 Gratz, Alan. *The League of Seven*. New York: Starscape, 2014. F
G774L01

When an alternate 1875 steam-driven America rediscovers electricity, the

lifeblood of the Mangleborn monsters, and the secret society to protect humanity from the Mangleborn is compromised, twelve-year-old Archie must assemble a team of seven young heroes to save the world.

- 4 - 6 Hackl, Jo W. *Smack Dab in the Middle of Maybe*. New York: Random House, 2018. F
H116S
- Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager--which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.
- 3 - 7 Hernandez, Carlos A. *Sal & Gabi Break the Universe*. Los Angeles: Disney Hyperion, 2019. F
H43025S
- In order to heal after his mother's death, Sal learned how to meditate. But no one expected him to be able to take it further and 'relax' things into existence. Turns out he can reach into time and space to retrieve things from other universes.
- 3 - 7 Hunt, Lynda M. *Fish in a Tree*. New York: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2015. F
H91369F
- Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.
- 3 - 6 Kim, Jessica. *Stand up, Yumi Chung*. New York: Kokila, 2020. *Currently not
in collection
- When eleven-year-old Yumi Chung stumbles into a kids' comedy camp she is mistaken for another student, so she decides to play the part.
- 3 - 6 Lloyd, Natalie. *The Key to Extraordinary*. New York: Scholastic Press, 2016. F
L7779K
- Twelve-year old orphan Emma Casey lives by a haunted graveyard in her Tennessee town, giving tours, and helping her brother and Granny Blue with the family bakery, and waiting for the destiny dream of her ancestors--but when it comes it shows her only a key, and she finds that she must solve a ghostly mystery that has haunted her town for generations.
- 5 - 8 Philbrick, W. R. *The Mostly True Adventure of Homer P. Figg*. New York: Scholastic, 2009. F
P534MO.A
- Twelve-year-old Homer, a poor but clever orphan, has extraordinary adventures after running away from his evil uncle to rescue his brother, who has been sold into service in the Civil War.

3 - 6 Stone, Nic. *Clean Getaway*. New York: Crown Books for Young Readers, 2020. F
ST7219C

For the life of him, William "Scoob" Lamar can't seem to stay out of trouble--and now the run-ins at school have led to lockdown at home. So when G'ma, Scoob's favorite person on Earth, asks him to go on an impromptu road trip, he's in the RV faster than he can say FREEDOM. With G'ma's old maps and a strange pamphlet called the 'Travelers' Green Book' at their side, the pair takes off on a journey down G'ma's memory lane. But adventure quickly turns to uncertainty: G'ma keeps changing the license plate, dodging Scoob's questions, and refusing to check Dad's voice mails. And the farther they go, the more Scoob realizes that the world hasn't always been a welcoming place for kids like him, and things aren't always what they seem--G'ma included

4 - 6 Yang, Kelly. *Front Desk*. New York: Levine books/Scholastic Inc., 2018. F
Y164F

Mia Tang has a lot of secrets. Number 1: She lives in a motel, not a big house. Every day, while her immigrant parents clean the rooms, ten-year-old Mia manages the front desk of the Calivista Motel and tends to its guests. Number 2: Her parents hide immigrants. And if the mean motel owner, Mr. Yao, finds out they've been letting them stay in the empty rooms for free, the Tangs will be doomed. Number 3: She wants to be a writer. But how can she when her mom thinks she should stick to math because English is not her first language? It will take all of Mia's courage, kindness, and hard work to get through this year. Will she be able to hold on to her job, help the immigrants and guests, escape Mr. Yao, and go for her dreams?