

Battle of the Books

Presented by the South Fayette PTA

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Date: **Friday, March 6, 2026**

- ✓ Time: 6:30 PM (Participants must arrive between 6:00-6:15 PM. Doors will not be open *before* 6 PM. The Tournament starts promptly at 6:30 PM.)

Place: **South Fayette Intermediate School Gymnasium**

What is it?

The Battle of the Books is an extra-curricular reading program which runs approximately three months, and is designed to encourage reading of the best classic and contemporary children's literature, and to foster positive character development in the areas of teamwork, cooperation, and responsibility.

Who May Participate?

The Battle of the Books is exclusively for the fourth and fifth-graders in the South Fayette School District. Although participation is voluntary, all are encouraged to join a team. Students don't have to be a "top reader" to participate! Books on the reading list range in reading level. The only requirement to participate is a commitment to read two books from the selected reading list and to be available to attend the Battle of the Books Tournament on the evening of Friday, March 6, 2026.

How is it organized?

Students form their own teams of five members, choose a team name and color, and find an adult to serve as their team manager. Team managers will need the following information from each team member when registering: first and last name, grade level, tee shirt size, and their parent/guardian's email address.

Team registration MUST be completed BY THE TEAM MANAGER ONLY online via:

<https://forms.gle/1XrA54nuMvHHsmEZ7>

...or by visiting the Battle of the Books Website at

<https://sites.google.com/southfayette.org/sf-battle-of-the-books/home>

The team divides the reading list among its members and begins reading. The team will meet at their convenience to design their poster, decorate T-shirts, and check up on their teammates' progress, etc.

What happens the night of the Tournament?

All teams will meet at the Intermediate School Gym for the Book Battle. Teams sit in circles and answer questions based on the books they have read. A moderator will ask a question, stating it twice, then each team will have 30 seconds to decide upon their answer and write that answer (and the author's last name) on a piece of paper. The team manager will record each team's score, and the scorekeepers will tally the results.

Who wins?

The team with the most points at the end of three rounds of questions will be declared the first place team. There will also be 2nd and 3rd place winners. No team scores will be announced.

Everyone who participates is really a winner! Each participant will have an opportunity to read some terrific books, have fun working with a team, and create some fantastic memories preparing for the tournament!

A note to parents:

Parents, you can also be part of the excitement! Volunteer to be your child's team manager.

Check out the Team Manager's Duties sheet on the Battle of the Books website. Managers must be available the night of the Book Battle to keep score for the team!

Please contact shannon.scureman@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

****Keep this top portion of this page for your records.**

Return the completed permission slip to your **team manager** before December 5, 2025.

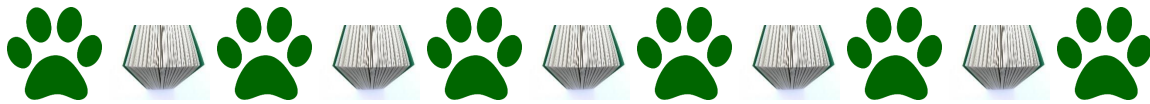
**THIS FORM IS FOR MANAGERS TO COLLECT FROM ALL TEAM MEMBERS AND TO
KEEP! DO NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL!!**

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*Permission slip to participate in the Battle of the Books
Tournament*

(Must be signed by both student and parent & returned to team manager before December 5th.)

Team Name_____

I promise to read at least two books from the reading list, and to attend the Battle of the Books on Friday, March 6, 2026.

Student's signature_____

I have read the above information and agree to help my child meet his/her commitment to the team by encouraging him/her to do his required reading and by getting him/her to the Tournament at the Intermediate School Gym on Friday, March 6, 2026.

Parent's Signature_____