

June 2025

Hello Incoming 5th Grade Parents!

Next year, our 5th graders will once again have the opportunity to participate in the district-wide Battle of the Books program (BoB)!

### The Basics:

GPS elementary Library Media Specialists have chosen ten books (see list below) for kids to read; in late fall a twenty-question quiz will be given to all 5th graders; the five students with the highest scores in each class will then compete, as a homeroom team, against the other 5th grade homerooms in December. The winning homeroom team will represent OGS at the district competition in late January.

Most of the titles are available through the Greenwich Public Library as well as the Cos Cob Library, the Perrot Library, and the Byram Shubert Library. They will also be available in the fall through our school library. Want to purchase them? Check in at your local bookstore, Athena or Amazon.

### What Can Parents Do?

Research shows students who read books, discuss books, and listen to books experience less "summer slide." Put simply - find time to read.

I had the opportunity to meet and share the details with each class. Here is a link to our presentation: [2025-2026 BoB Kickoff](#)

This presentation is also available in the students' Grade 4 Library Media Google Classroom for reference.

Have a great summer!

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Old Greenwich School Library Media Specialist

# Battle of the Books 2025-2026

[\*Because of Mr. Terupt\*](#) Rob Buyea

[\*Better with Butter\*](#) Victoria Piontek

[\*Cyclone\*](#) Doreen Cronin

[\*Dogtown\*](#) Katherine Applegate and Gennifer Choldenko

[\*Get a Grip, Vivy Cohen\*](#) Sarah Kapit

[\*How to Steal a Dog\*](#) Barbara O'Connor

[\*Library Girl\*](#) Polly Horvath

[\*The Misfits: A Royal Conundrum\*](#) Lisa Yee and Dan Santat

[\*The Terrible Two\*](#) Jory John and Mac Barnett

[\*Wayward Creatures\*](#) Dayna Lorentz