

You will need to have a responsible person, 18 years or over, to act as your **Team Manager**. The Team Manager is there to help you get organized, practice for the battle, and provide transportation the night of the event. In the past, teams have asked a parent, a teacher, an older sibling, or their school librarian to be Team Managers.

Here are some rules that you' ll need to know about before heading into library to check out books for the Battle of the Books:

1. Books may be borrowed for 1 week and re-n^ewed once.
2. There is a limit of **2 books allowed on a single library card at one time**.
3. The books can only be borrowed on a li-brary card belonging to a team member.
Team Managers are not to check out books for their teams.
4. The books will be available at Sewickley Library, Moon Library, and your school li-braries.
5. Overdue fines for Battle Books are **\$.25/day**.
6. If the library doesn' t have the book be-cause all copies have been checked out, ask a librarian to order you a copy from another library- this service is free!

So now, here' s what happens on the night of the Book Battle. First, your team will need to arrive at Hansen Library 15 min-utes before the start time (that' s 6:45 PM). You' ll sign in and set up your table. Each team will be given a pad of paper and a pencil to use. Your team manager will be present, but he/she will be working as a Scorekeeper for another team to be named at the battle.

The Battle Moderator will begin by asking the first question twice. Once the question is asked twice, the Timekeeper will allow **20 seconds for teams to deliberate and write down their answers**. At the end of the 20 seconds, one team will have the chance to answer out loud (the answering team will vary every question). The Battle Moderator will announce the correct answer and the Team Scorekeepers will mark how many points were won. If your team answers correctly you get 4 points plus a bonus point if you can give the last name of the author. **This means that each question is worth a potential 5 points. Answers must be specific.** The moderator and judges will decide if an answer given is cor-rect, and **that decision is final**. There will be three rounds with one question from each book per round.

At the end of each round, scorecards will be collected and verified. At the end of the third round, the Judges will tally all scores. If there is a tie, a special lightnen-ing round will take place between the tied teams. Once a clear winner has been made, the Battle Moderator will announce the winners. **The top three teams will receive prizes.**

So, are you interested yet? To get started grab this booklist and a registration form. Find four friends in 7th and/or 8th grade, find a responsible adult to be a Team Man-ager, create a name for your team, and start reading!!! **All final registration forms are due January 25, 2010 by 8:00 PM.**

Questions??? Visit the B.O.B website @
info4BOB.blogspot.com/

7TH & 8TH GRADE **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS** **2009**



**Sewickley Public Library
&
Moon Township Public
Library**



**Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010
7:00 PM**

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**Sewickley Academy's
Hansen Library**



***Beige* by Cecil Castellucci**

Katy, a quiet French-Canadian teenager, reluctantly leaves Montreal to spend time with her estranged father, an aging Los Angeles punk rock legend.

***House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer**

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

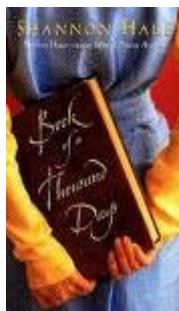


***Romiette and Julio* by Sharon Draper**

An African-American girl and a Latino boy fall in love after meeting on the Internet, but they are harassed by a gang who objects to their interracial dating. A modern retelling of an age-old classic.

***Book of a Thousand Days* by Shannon Hale**

Fifteen-year-old Dashti, sworn to obey her sixteen-year-old mistress, the Lady Saren, shares Saren's years of punishment locked in a tower, then brings them safely to the lands of her true love, where both must hide as kitchen maids.



***Keeper* by Mal Peet**

In an interview with a young journalist, World Cup hero, El Gato, describes his youth in the Brazilian rain forest and the events, experiences, and people that helped make him a great goalkeeper and renowned soccer star.

***Plain Janes* by Cecil Castellucci**

When transfer student Jane is forced to move from the big city to suburbia, she thinks that her life is over until she meets three other girls named Jane who decide to form a secret art gang and turn the town and the high school upside down in the process.

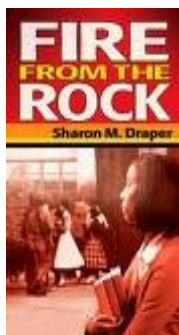


***Evil Genius* by Catherine Jinks**

Child prodigy Cadel Piggot, an antisocial computer hacker, discovers his true identity when he enrolls as a first-year student at an advanced crime academy.

***Fire From the Rock* by Sharon Draper**

In 1957, Sylvia Patterson's life—that of a normal African American teenager—is disrupted by the impending integration of Little Rock's Central High when she is selected to one of the first black students to attend the previously all-white high school.



***The Red Necklace: A Story of the French Revolution* by Sally Gardner**

In the late 18th century, Sido, the 12-year-old daughter of a self-indulgent marquis, and Yann, a 14-year-old Gypsy orphan raised to perform in a magic show, face a common enemy at the start of the French Revolution.

***Vanishing Act: Mystery at the U.S. Open* by John Feinstein**

Eighth-grade sports reporters Susan Carol and Stevie reunite at the U.S. Open tennis championships where they investigate the mysterious disappearance of a top-ranked Russian player.



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**Battle of the Books
Information for Students**

The Battle of the Books is a competition where teams made up of five teens (in this case 7th & 8th graders) read the chosen books and then participate in a trivia contest about those books. It's a fun way to get some recreational reading done and actually get rewarded for it with some great prizes.

As a team, you need to assign the books to be read by the various team members. You can have each team member read two books, have all team members read all books, or some combination between. It's really up to you!