

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 renewed 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
4. library card belonging to a team member.  
**Team Managers are not to check out books for their teams.**
5. The books will be available at Sewickley Library, Moon Library, and your school libraries.

Overdue fines for Battle Books are **\$.25/day**.

1. If the library doesn't have the book because 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 at 6:30 for preparations and **a pizza party!** 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 correct, 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 lightening 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 9th-12th grade, find a responsible adult to be a Team Manager, create a name for your team, and start reading!!!

**All final registration forms are due January 25, 2009 at 8:00 PM.**

Questions??? Visit the B.O.B website @  
[info4BOB.blogspot.com/](http://info4BOB.blogspot.com/)

# **HIGH SCHOOL**

# **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

## **2009**



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

**Monday, March 8, 2010  
7:00 PM**

**@  
Sewickley Academy's  
Hansen Library**

***Dairy Queen* by Catherine Murdock**

After spending her summer running the family farm and training the QB for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.



***Dangerous Days of Daniel X* by James Patterson**

Fifteen-year-old Daniel has followed in his parents' footsteps as the Alien Hunter, exterminating beings on The List of Alien Outlaws on Terra Firma, but when he faces his first of the top ten outlaws, the very existence of Earth and another planet are at stake.



***Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston**

The American-born author describes her family's experiences and impressions when they were forced to relocate to a camp for the Japanese in Owens Valley, CA, during WWII.



***Fat Kid Rules the World* by K.L. Going**

Seventeen-year-old Troy, depressed, suicidal, and weighing nearly 300 pounds, gets a new perspective on life when a homeless teenager who is a genius on the guitar wants him to be the drummer for his rock band.

***Graceling* by Kristin Cashore**

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.



***Jerk, California* by Jonathan Friesen**

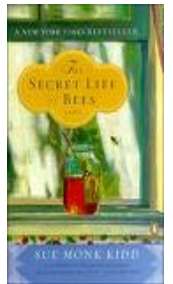
Plagued by Tourette's Syndrome and a stepfather who despises him, Sam meets an old man in his small Midwest town who sends him on a road trip designed to help him discover the truth about his life.



***One Good Punch* by Rich Wallace** Eighteen-year-old Michael, writer of obituaries for the Scranton Observer and captain of the track team, is ready for the most important season of his life--until the police find four joints in his school locker, and he is faced with a choice that could

***Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd**

After her "stand-in mother," a bold black woman named Rosaleen, insults the three biggest racists in town, Lily Owens joins Rosaleen on a journey to Tiburon, South Carolina, where they are taken in by three black bee-keeping sisters.



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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 9th-12th 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!