

Battle of the Books

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Dr. G.J. MacGillivray Public School - 2025 Finalists

Key Dates

Registration: September 26, 2025
Semi-Final: April 21, 2026
Final Battle: April 28, 2026
Regional Final: April 30, 2026
— Hosted by Whitby Public Library

Battle Coordinators may register teams by doing the following:

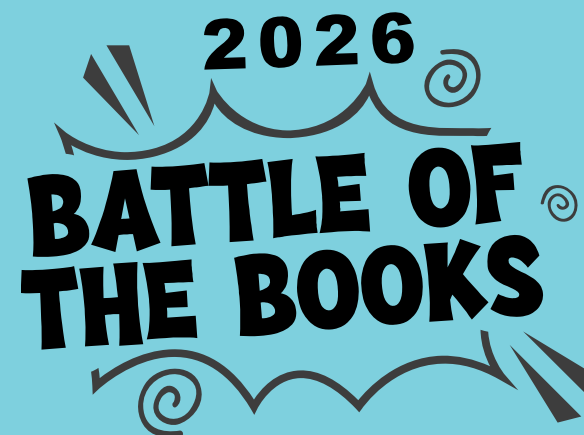
- Visit the Battle website at bookbattle.ca.
- Click on the Register tab.

Contact us if you do not receive a response within five business days.

Please remember to register separately for the Junior division (Grades 4, 5 and 6) and the Senior division Battles (Grades 7 and 8).

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Durham Region Public Libraries

Junior Division

Official Rules & Booklist

bookbattle.ca

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OFFICIAL RULES

1. One team of **six students from grades 4, 5 or 6** will represent each school. Method of selection of team members is decided by the team coordinator at each school.

NOTE: Up to **four substitutes** may rotate between the rounds of play. **No team shall have more than ten players in total** (six regular team members and four substitutes).
2. **Each team will have a spokesperson** designated by the team coordinator. While the team is encouraged to discuss possible answers, **team answers will only be accepted from the spokesperson**.
3. The Semi-Finals will consist of three rounds of play. The Finals will have one round. Each round features a Regular Battle and a Lightning Battle.
4. **Regular Battle questions will be addressed to teams alternately**, regardless of the last correct answer. There will be 10 Regular Battle questions per round. When asked a question teams will have **20 seconds** to provide the book's title and author (see booklist).
5. During this 20-second time period, the team to which a question is addressed may have the question repeated as many times as they wish but this **will** cut into the allotted time to provide an answer. The team may give a **maximum of three title and three author guesses per question** via the spokesperson.
6. **Three points** will be given if the team correctly identifies the **exact title** and **three points** will be awarded for correctly identifying the **author's surname**. The author's first name does not need to be identified.
7. The **Lightning Battles** will be at the end of each round. They consist of a **2 min., 30 sec. time period** during which each team is asked up to 10 questions about details of the books and will not require teams to identify titles or authors. Each correctly answered Lightning Battle question will be worth **five points**. In the Lightning Battles, teams submit as many guesses as they wish to each question but this **will** use up time. Lightning Battle and Regular Battle scores will be added together.
8. If a team disagrees with the moderator's initial ruling on an answer, the team may **challenge** the ruling immediately after the Regular question or immediately after the end of the Lightning Battle. A team may only challenge rulings on its own answers. Moderators will either confirm their original ruling or may provide a **randomly selected alternative question** as a substitution.
9. When a **tie-breaker** is necessary, each team in the tie-breaker will be asked extra Lightning Battle questions. **The spokesperson must provide one correct answer within 20 seconds**. No guesses will be allowed and an incorrect answer will result in elimination. The last team standing wins the tie-breaker round.
10. The **top three** teams from the Semi-Finals in each municipality will go on to play in their municipal Finals. The gold medal teams from the Finals competitions will go on to represent their municipalities in the Durham Regional Championship.

2026 BOOKLIST



ADVENTURE

Digger by Deborah Cholette
The Door in the Alley
by Adrienne Kress
Into the Rapids by Ann Braden
Paige Not Found by Jen Wilde
The School Between Winter and Fairyland by Heather Fawcett
Silverwing by Kenneth Opel



FAVOURITES

Berani by Michelle Kadarusman
Gamerville [Graphic Novel]
by Johnnie Christmas
Grounded by Aisha Saeed,
Huda Al-Marashi, Jamilah
Thompkins-Bigelow, S.K. Ali
The House Next Door
by Joel Sutherland
Jasmine is Haunted
by Mark Oshiro
Red Fox Road
by Francis Greenlade



FANTASY

The Age of Enchantment
by Anna James
The Barren Grounds
by David A. Robertson
Dragons in a Bag by Zeta Elliot
The Girl & the Galdurian
[Graphic Novel] by Tim Probert
Nura and the Immortal Palace
by M.T. Khan
Return to Sender by Vera Brosgol



MYSTERY

A Study in Secrets
by Debbi Michiko Florence
A Strange Thing Happened in Cherry Hall by Jasmine Warga
Benny on the Case
by Wesley King
Chai Jinxed by Emi Pinto
Chase by Linwood Barclay
Isle of Ever by Jen Calonita



SILVER BIRCH

*To Be Announced
October 27, 2025*

For the full set of rules, please go to
<http://www.bookbattle.ca/downloads/JrSrRules.pdf>