

Battle of the Books

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Courtice Intermediate School - 2025 Finalists

Key Dates

Registration: September 26, 2025
Semi-Final: April 23, 2026
Final Battle: April 28, 2026
Regional Final: April 30, 2026
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Battle Coordinators may register teams by doing the following:

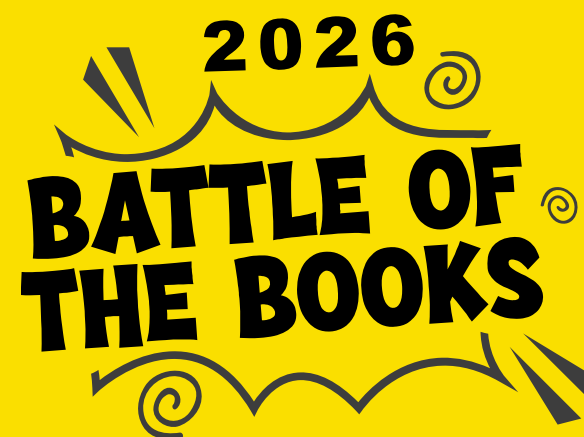
- Visit the Battle website at bookbattle.ca.
- Click on the Register tab.

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
Intermediate Division
Official Rules & Booklist

bookbattle.ca

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OFFICIAL RULES

1. One team of **six students from grades 7 or 8** 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

The Bellwoods Game
by Celia Krampien

Blood in the Water
by Tiffany D. Jackson

If We Tell You by Nicola Dahlin

Impossible Creatures
by Katherine Rundell

The Inheritance Games
by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

The Liars Society
by Alyson Gerber

FAVOURITES

Blackthorn Key by Kevin Sands

Forever Birchwood
by Danielle Daniel

Nimona [Graphic Novel]
by N.D. Stevenson

The Red Palace by June Hur

Refugee by Alan Gratz
Show Me a Sign
by Ann Clare LeZotte

RED MAPLE

To Be Announced
October 27, 2025

FANTASY/SCI-FI

Amari & the Night Brothers
by B.B. Alston

Boy 2.0 by Tracey Baptiste

The Factory by Catherine Egan

Something's Up with Arlo
by Matteo L. Cerilli

The Sun and the Star
by Rick Riordan and Mark Oshiro

Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor
by Ziran Jay Zhao

REALISTIC

Fresh Start [Graphic Novel]
by Gale Galligan

How to Be a Goldfish
by Jane Baird Warren

Is There a Boy Like Me?
by Kern Carter

No Purchase Necessary
by Maria Marianayagam

Rabbit Rabbit
by Dori Hillstead Butler and
Sunshine Bacon

Tegan and Sara: Junior High
[Graphic Novel] by Tegan
and Sara Quin

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