

## How it Works

**Create a team:** Teams consist of 4 members and possibly one alternate. Ideally, teams would be created before the first meeting. The alternate role can rotate between battles.

**Choose a spokesperson:** This is the only person who may answer questions during the battles. The spokesperson can rotate between battles.

**Read, Read, Read:** Each team must read all 16 books. Tip! We recommend each team member read at least four different titles of the 16.

**Practice:** Make up questions. Have team members quiz each other. Tip! The more books read by all team members, the more competitive a team can be. PTA will forward any free available practice questions that are available.

**Volunteers Needed:** Battle of the Books is run with the support of parents. We need your help to plan and organize this activity, host practice battles at lunch, and run the tournament. During battles, we need parents to moderate, keep time and mark scores. It's fun and easy – learn more and sign up at the mandatory kick-off meeting!

Parents, family and friends are always welcome to attend competitions.

## Schedule

**Tuesday, November 27**  
Mandatory Meeting at 6:30 PM  
in the Rieke Library!

**November – December**  
Teams form, read books, and start battle practice.

**January - February**  
Teams continue battle practice.  
Lunch time battle practice – *TBD*

**Saturday, February 23**  
Qualifying battles determine  
Top Eight  
*Time TBD*

**Thursday, February 27**  
Final Top Eight  
single elimination battles  
in the Rieke Library  
*Time TBD*

The winning Rieke team will advance to regional (March TBD) and possibly state tournaments.

**There is no charge to participate.**



## Rieke Battle of the Books

**2018 - 2019**  
**3rd - 5th Grade**



The Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) is a voluntary statewide program promoting reading, motivation, and comprehension sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries, in conjunction with a Library Services Technology Act grant.

The goals are to encourage reading for enjoyment, broaden reading interests, increase reading comprehension, and promote cooperative learning.

## 2018 - 2019 Battle of the Books BOOK LIST

**Book Scavenger** by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

**George** by Alex Gino

**Hana's Suitcase** by Karen Levine

**The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom**  
by Christopher Healy

**In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse**  
by Joseph Marshall III

**The Infinity Year of Avalon James**  
by Dana Middleton

**Nightbird** by Alice Hoffman

**Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures**  
by Jackson Pearce & Maggie Stiefvater

**Real Friends** by Shannon Hale

**Roller Girl** by Victoria Jamieson

**Ugly** by Robert Hoge

**Waylon! One Awesome Thing**  
by Sara Pennypacker

**When the Sea Turned to Silver** by Grace Lin

**A Whole New Ballgame** by Phil Bildner

**The Wild Robot** by Peter Brown

**Wish** by Barbara O'Connor

## 2018 - 2019 Battle of the Books Procedures

- Each team will consist of four members with one optional alternate, for a total of up to five members.
- Teams prepare for battles by reading the books on the list, practicing and answering questions.
- Two teams will compete during a single battle in a quiz-show format, which takes about 20 minutes.
- A spokesperson will be identified on the team. If a team chooses, the spokesperson can rotate but only between battles.
- Once a battle starts, the spokesperson is the only one who can answer for the team.
- A moderator will read questions to each team and decide if the team's answer is accurate. All moderator decisions are final.
- There are two types of questions: "In Which Book" and "Content". There are 8 questions of each type for a total of 16 questions per battle.
- The "odd" team will go first and be read question number one.
- The team that sits on the left will always be given first chance at the odd numbered questions, and the team on the right will always be given first chance at the even questions.
- When a question is asked, the team will have 15 seconds to quietly discuss and answer the question.
- The spokesperson's first answer will be the only acceptable one.
- There may be only one alternate. This alternate may take the place of a player for a battle. When the alternate is used, the alternate must remain in competition for the entire battle. No other substitutions may be made.
- No other person may assist in answering any question directed to a team, including the team's coach. The judge will disqualify a team determined to be receiving outside help.
- The composition of the team members may not change once battles have started.
- Teams will compete for points during the Qualifying Battles. Each team will get three opportunities to battle for points. The Top Eight teams with the most points will go on to the Final single elimination round of battles.
- The OBOB Committee may refuse to allow a team to participate in the event of unsportsmanlike behavior or other extenuating circumstances.
- In the event of a situation that is not specifically addressed in the OBOB rules, the decision of the judges is final.
- The winning Rieke team will advance to the regional competition. Winners from regionals advance to the state competition in Salem, Oregon.