

Battle of the Books 2023

Parent and Mentor Guide

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What is the Battle of the Books?

A team reading competition for 5th & 6th graders enrolled in Bloomfield Hills School District. Students read 6 books and participate in virtual and in-person activities from February - March and participate in a preliminary Kahoot Battle the week of March 13. The top 9 teams will be asked to the final in-person battle on **Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30p.m.** at the Bloomfield Township Public Library. Emphasis is placed on the fun of participation and reading. This Battle of the Books program is not affiliated with any other Battle program and is completely administered and created by the middle school media specialist at the Bloomfield Hills Schools and the Youth Services department of the Bloomfield Township Public Library.

What does my 5th or 6th grader need to do?

Form a team of three to eight 5th and 6th graders.

- ◆ They do not need to be from the same school or grade.
- ◆ They must be enrolled in one of the three Bloomfield Hills Schools in the 5th or 6th grades.
- ◆ There can be no less than three and no more than eight on a team.

Find a mentor or coach.

- ◆ The mentor must be an adult. It cannot be a teacher or librarian at any of the three schools or a librarian at the Bloomfield Township Public Library. A high school student can be a mentor but we also need an adult in the loop for the team.
- ◆ Parents, older siblings, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and family friends all make great mentors.

Register!

Individual registration begins on Friday, December 16. We want to make sure that we have contact information for all participants.

Team registration begins on Thursday, January 12. Teams must be registered by Sunday, February 12. Please make sure that all team members have filled out the individual registration. **Please include all team members' names, the team name, mentor's name and mentor's contact email!**

*If any changes in the team occur (change of team members, team names, mentors) after you have completed the registration, please email Patricia at ballardp@btpl.org by the end of the day on February 12.

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What do I have to do?

Keep in mind that this is a student run event. Team members should come up with their own reading and studying strategy. You are there for general guidance (and snacks).

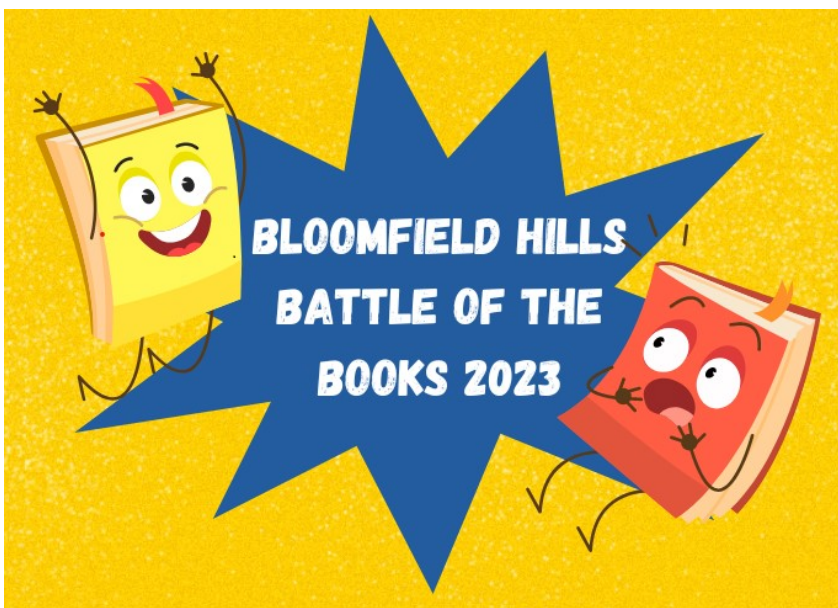
You should help them decide on meeting schedules and whether you will meet in-person or virtually. Find out what days and times work for the group and arrange a meeting place. Make sure all the students and their adults know when and where you will be meeting.

Act as the communication link between the library/school, team members, and parents. Share Flip and Meet-up links with all team members and their adults.

Check in on reading progress, team discussions, and foster team cohesiveness.

Make sure that every member is individually registered. There will be team rosters posted after February 12th on the Battle of the Books website: www.btpl.org/battle-of-the-books.

Mentors help make sure their teams demonstrate good team spirit and integrity and ensure that all team members and their families understand the rules and expectations in communicating on Flip, virtual meetups, preliminary and final battles.



Books Chosen

The books were selected by professional librarians. They were picked based on content, awards received, professional peer reviews, and overall quality. If you disagree with any titles, please remember this is not a compulsory program and you are not required to read every book.