

**Battle of the Books 2019-2020 Reading List**  
**Kahuku Public and School Library - Hawaii State Public Library System**



Grade 1 to 2	Title	Author
<b>DIVISION 1</b>	1 This Is Not My Hat	Klassen, Jon
	2 A Sick Day for Amos McGee	Stead, Philip C.
	3 Joseph Had a Little Overcoat	Taback, Simms
	4 Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	Steig, William
	5 Owl Moon	Yolen, Jane
	6 Amelia Bedelia	Parish, Peggy
	7 Maui and the Secret of Fire	Tune, Suelyn Ching
	8 How Hau Became Hau'ula	'Ikuwā, Robert Lono
	9 The Day the Crayons Quit	Daywalt, Drew
	10 The Empty Pot	Demi
	11 Rain School	Rumford, James
	12 The Adventures of Beckle -The Unimaginary Friend	Santat, Dan
	13 Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot	Pilkey, Dav
Grade 3 to 4	Title	Author
<b>DIVISION 2</b>	1 The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (Chronicles Of Narnia)	Lewis, C.S.
	2 Dinosaurs Before Dark (Magic Tree House #1)	Osborne, Mary Pope
	3 The Lemonade War	Davies, Jacqueline
	4 Charlotte's Web	White, E.B.
	5 Tuesdays at the Castle	George, Jessica Day
	6 Ramona the Pest	Cleary, Beverly
	7 The Wild Robot	Brown, Peter
	8 Nikki Powergloves – A Hero is Born	Estes, David
	9 The Boxcar Children (Boxcar Mysteries #1)	Warner, Gertrude Chandler
	10 El Deafo	Bell, Cece
	11 Surfer of the Century – The Life of Duke Kahanamoku	Crowe, Ellie
	12 Kohala Kuamo'o - Nae'ole's Race to Save a King	Kawai'ae'a, Kekauleleanae'ole
Grade 5 to 6	Title	Author
<b>DIVISION 3</b>	1 Bunnica – A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery	Howe, James and Deborah
	2 Wonder	Palacio, R.J.
	3 The Kite Fighters	Park, Linda Sue
	4 No Talking	Clements, Andrew
	5 The Tale of Despereaux - Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread	DiCamillo, Kate
	6 Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	Coerr, Eleanor
	7 The Whale Rider**	Ihimaera, Witi
	8 The Girl Who Drank the Moon	Barnhill, Kelly
	9 The Fourteenth Goldfish	Holm, Jennifer
	10 Smile	Telgemeier, Raina
	11 Keeper of the Lost Cities	Messenger, Shannon
	12 Hatchet	Paulsen, Gary
	13 Eddie Wen' Go: The Story of the Upside-Down Canoe**	Lyman-Mersereau, Marion

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## **What is the *Battle of the Books*?**

The *Ko'olauloa Battle of the Books* is an afterschool, extra-curricular program for North Shore elementary school children that makes reading social. It's similar to a child's version of a quiz game show where teams of students compete for prizes to answer the most questions correctly books from pre-selected reading lists.

It is organized by the Kahuku Public and School Library and implemented by parent volunteers and supported by participating school staff. We are the only multi-school, face to face, interactive reading competition in Hawai'i for elementary school students.

*In the past, the following school groups participated: Sunset Beach, Kahuku, Homeschool Families, Asia Pacific International School, La'ie, Hau'ula, and Ka'a'awa Elementary Schools. Previous competitions held at Turtle Bay Resorts are on [librarieshawaii.org/Kahuku](http://librarieshawaii.org/Kahuku) for viewing.*

## **Who can participate in the *Battle of the Books*?**

Students in the 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades can compete in this program, as long as they have an adult coach(es) who can represent their team(s) at program meetings, lead team activities, and act as a liaison between the school administration, students, and the public library.

## **How does *Battle of the Books* work?**

Adult volunteer coach(es) coordinate with elementary schools to promote, recruit, and organize teams. Each coach is responsible for creating a schedule that best fits their school. Since there are 3 divisions (Division I – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; Division II – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade; Division III – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade) a minimum of 3 coaches per school is advised. School librarians may put together a display of the books featured on this year's list. Multiple copies can also be found at the Kahuku Public and School Library.

*Last year, coaches met once a month for the first couple months of the program and then increased meeting times to once a week leading up to the school and district competitions.*

## **When does the 2019-2020 *Battle of the Books* start?**

The program starts as soon as the reading list is released in May in time for summer reading. Students can read until March/April 2018 when Kahuku Public and School Library will host its 5<sup>th</sup> annual *Ko'olauloa Battle of the Books District Competition*. Students from the participating schools will need to win at their school level competitions in February/March 2020 to qualify for district competition in March/April 2020.

## **Does it cost anything to participate in the *Battle of the Books*?**

This competition is completely free! School librarians, principals, and parents may consider purchasing extra copies of the *Battle of the Books* titles to accommodate more teams, but the titles can also be requested for free using the Hawaii State Public Library System. Please see reading list for special notes about out-of-print books and donated copies of a local book.

## **How were the books selected for the *Battle of the Books*?**

The Kahuku Public and School Library modeled its program on America's *Battle of the Books*. Therefore some of the titles came from this national program. We customized the program to include Hawaiian/Pacific Islander books, local authors/illustrators, and to expand the program to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, as well. The books were selected on the following criteria:

- input from existing *Battle of the Books* supporters, such as parent coaches, teachers, and contestants;
- award-winning literature for children;
- book availability in Hawaii or via online retail vendors;
- balance of genres (Historical Fiction/Humor/Classic/Fantasy/Graphic Novel/Biography).

## **Do students need to read all the *Battle of the Books* titles for their division?**

No, students can read the titles that are suited for their reading level. Collectively, the team should have read all the books on their division list for the best chance at the school and district competitions.

## **What if my child finishes reading all the books on the list before the school competitions?**

That's a good problem! Students who read all the books can still *enjoy* attending the team meetings where a variety of extension activities will be organized by team coaches AND *quiz* their team members to make their team stronger competitors AND *participate* in the evening activities organized by the Kahuku Public and School Library (TBA) AND *reread* their books to make sure they have a solid foundation of their book's settings, characters, plots, etc. until the school and district competitions.

**Mahalo!**