

Battle of the Books 2025-2026 FINAL Reading List
Kahuku Public and School Library - Hawaii State Public Library System



Grade 1 to 2	Title	Author
DIVISION 1	1 Absent Author (A to Z Mysteries, #1)	Ron Roy
	2 The Book with No Pictures	BJ Novak
	3 A Chair for My Mother	Vera Williams
	4 The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein
	5 The Island-Below-the-Star	James Rumford
	6 Ivy + Bean	Annie Barrows
	7 Last Stop on Market Street	Matt de la Peña
	8 Miss Rumphius	Barbara Cooney
	9 Rise of the Earth Dragon (Dragon Masters, #1)	Tracey West
	10 Shark King	R. Kikuo Johnson
	11 Hi'iaka and Pana'ewa	Gabrielle Ahuli'i
	12 Eyes that Kiss in the Corners	Joanna Ho
	13 The Haunted House Next Door (Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol, #1)	Andres Miedoso
Grade 3 to 4	Title	Author
DIVISION 2	1 Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things	Lenore Look
	2 Calvin Coconut: Hero of Hawaii	Graham Salisbury
	3 Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library	Chris Grabenstein
	4 I Survived the San Francisco Earthquake, 1906	Lauren Tarshis
	5 The Invention of Hugo Cabret	Brian Selznick
	6 The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan
	7 The One and Only Ivan	Katherine Applegate
	8 Out of My Mind	Sharon Draper
	9 Sarah Plain and Tall	Patricia MacLachlan
	10 Stonekeeper (Amulet, #1)	Kazu Kibuishi
	11 The Eyes and the Impossible	Dave Eggers
	12 The Adventure of Lost Castle (Barley and Rye, #1)	Rebecca J. Carlson
	13 Mochi Queen (Jasmine Toguchi, #1)	Debbie Michiko Florence
Grade 5 to 6	Title	Author
DIVISION 3	1 Bad Beginning (A Series of Unfortunate Events, #1)	Lemony Snicket
	2 Call it Courage	Armstrong Sperry
	3 Dealing with Dragons (Enchanted Forest Chronicles, #1)	Patricia Wrede
	4 Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (Harry Potter, #1)	JK Rowling
	5 Holes	Louis Sachar
	6 Kamehameha-The Rise of a King	Kawika Eyre
	7 A Single Shard	Linda Sue Park
	8 Under The Blood-Red Sun	Graham Salisbury
	9 Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Grace Lin
	10 The Wishing Spell (The Land of Stories, #1)	Chris Colfer
	11 Anne of Green Gables	Lucy Maud Montgomery
	12 The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien
	13 Whale Rider	Witi Ihimaera

BOLD are new titles/late additions to the list.

For more information, please email okacirc@librarieshawaii.org

Basic Facts about Ko'olauloa Battle of the Books

Who:

Ko'olauloa area public and private elementary schools and home school families in 1st to 6th grades. Ko'olauloa is located on the North Shore/Upper Windward Side of O'ahu (Sunset Beach to Ka'a'awa).

What:

An afterschool, extra-curricular reading program encouraging students to read and study a list of books during the school year with a district-wide competition (team and individual challenges, game show style); modeled on America's Battle of the Books.

It is organized by the Kahuku Public and School Library staff/volunteers and implemented by parent volunteers and supported by participating school staff.

In the past, the following school groups have participated: Sunset Beach, Kahuku, home school families, Asia Pacific International School, La'ie, Hau'ula and Ka'a'awa Elementary Schools.

Where:

Reading can be done at home or on campus during after school club meetings, depending what each school chooses to offer. Practices in January - March culminate in a district competition (location TBD) in late March or early April.

How:

Parent volunteer coaches will promote, recruit, schedule, track and encourage the teams from each school. Volunteers may also work with staff members to schedule practices that best fit their own school. In years past, 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.

Previous coaches from schools with existing programs are ready to help any new volunteers with information on how to create a school program.

Why:

To promote literacy and love of reading for the families of children living in Ko'olauloa and practice study skills and teamwork.

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.

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 competitions.

Is there an easier way for coaches to get the books?

Book Bundles are available for long-term loans for coaches at participating schools. Please contact the Kahuku Library staff for more information about the BOB Book Bundles. These extra copies are courtesy of a State of Hawaii Grant in Aid and the Friends of the Library of Kahuku.

Many titles are available digitally (ebooks) via the Dept of Education's Sora app or the public library's Libby app. Some books are also available as audio books.