

**Battle of the Books 2025-2026 - ACCEPTABLE TITLE/AUTHORS LIST**  
**Kahuku Public and School Library - Hawaii State Public Library System**



**DIVISION 1**

Grade 1 to 2	Title	Author
1	Absent Author	Roy
2	The Book with No Pictures	Novak
3	A Chair for My Mother	Williams
4	The Giving Tree	Silverstein
5	The Island-Below-the-Star	Rumford
6	Ivy + Bean	Barrows
7	Last Stop on Market Street	de la Peña
8	Miss Rumphius	Cooney
9	Rise of the Earth Dragon	West
10	Shark King	Johnson
11	<b>Hi'iaka and Pana'ewa</b>	<b>Ahuli'i</b>
12	<b>Eyes that Kiss in the Corners</b>	<b>Ho</b>
13	<b>The Haunted House Next Door</b>	<b>Miedoso</b>

**DIVISION 2**

Grade 3 to 4	Title	Author
1	Allergic to Girls	Look
2	Hero of Hawaii	Salisbury
3	Mr. Lemoncello's Library	Grabenstein
4	I Survived the SF Earthquake	Tarshis
5	Hugo Cabret	Selznick
6	The Lightning Thief	Riordan
7	The One and Only Ivan	Applegate
8	Out of My Mind	Draper
9	Sarah Plain and Tall	MacLachlan
10	Stonekeeper	Kibuishi
11	<b>The Eyes and the Impossible</b>	<b>Eggers</b>
12	<b>The Adventure of Lost Castle</b>	<b>Carlson</b>
13	<b>Mochi Queen</b>	<b>Florence</b>

**DIVISION 3**

Grade 5 to 6	Title	Author
1	Bad Beginning	Snicket
2	Call it Courage	Sperry
3	Dealing with Dragons	Wrede
4	The Sorcerer's Stone	Rowling
5	Holes	Sachar
6	The Rise of a King	Eyre
7	A Single Shard	Park
8	Under The Blood-Red Sun	Salisbury
9	Mountain Meets the Moon	Lin
10	The Wishing Spell	Colfer
11	<b>Anne of Green Gables</b>	<b>Montgomery</b>
12	<b>The Hobbit</b>	<b>Tolkien</b>
13	<b>Whale Rider</b>	<b>Ihimaera</b>

BOLD are new titles/late additions to the list.

Teams only need to say the following shortened titles and author's last names.

For more information, please email [Kahuku Public & School Library](mailto:Kahuku Public & School Library)

IF teams say or write more, they WILL NOT be penalized.

We shortened titles and requested only author's last names to save time. Correct spelling and punctuation are NOT needed if volunteers can make out the answer.

### **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 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.

#### **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, Ko'olau Pilina funds, 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.