

9th Annual Ko'olauloa Battle of the Books, 2026-2027

TITLES AND AUTHORS LIST

	Division I – 1st and 2nd Titles	Authors
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	Punky Aloha	Tuiasoa, Shar
5	Owl Moon	Yolen, Jane
6	Leilani Blessed and Grateful	Bowman, Greg
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	Skater Cielo	Katstaller, Rachel
12	Kohala Kuamo'o	Kawai'ae'a, Kekauleleanae'ole
13	Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot	Pilkey, Dav

	Division II – 3rd and 4th Titles	Authors
1	Eddie Wen' Go	Lyman-Mersereau, Marion
2	Dinosaurs Before Dark	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	Strong Like the Sea	Swore, Wendy S.
9	The Boxcar Children	Warner, Gertrude Chandler
10	Cardboard Kingdom	Sell, Chad
11	Surfer of the Century	Crowe, Ellie
12	Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters	Beaty, Andrea
13	Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	Coerr, Eleanor

	Division III – 5th and 6th Titles	Authors
1	Bunnicula	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	DiCamillo, Kate
6	One Boy, No Water	Parker, Lehua
7	Bud. Not Buddy	Curtis, Christopher Paul
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	Lei and the Fire Goddess	Maunakea, Malia

For more information, contact Kahuku Library at 808-293-8935 or email Kahuku Library email.

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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.

Kahuku Public and School Library staff and volunteers organize the district finale and preparations is 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 on what each school chooses to offer. Practices in January - March culminate in a district competition (location TBD) in 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. Please see reading list for special notes about out-of-print books and donated copies of a local book.

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 Tamara King 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 library's Libby app.