

## Summer Battle of the Books (B.O.B.) 2020

Thank you for your interest in the Library's 2020 Summer Battle of the Books Program! The B.O.B. program is a fun reading competition just for teens!

As for the competition, teams will compete in a virtual competition. Teens can form teams with friends or compete solo answering questions about the books on the list. For example, a question may state, "Which book has a character that finds out he is the son of Poseidon?" The team would answer, "The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan." Questions about all of the books will be asked and will range in difficulty. The final competition will take place the week of July 6-9. You and/or your team must login and take the quiz before the end of the day on July 9. The team/person with the most correct answers will be crowned the winner and receive a prize!

Below are the list of books for the program:

- Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell by Chris Colfer (Ages 8+)
- Guts by Raina Telgemeier (Ages 9+)
- Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds (Ages 10+)
- Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga (Ages 10+)
- Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune by Pamela S. Turner (Ages 12+)
- The Blackthorn Key by Kevin Sands (Ages 10+)
- The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman (Ages 10+)
- The Season of Styx Malone by Kekla Magoon (Ages 8+)
- The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall (Ages 10+)
- We're Not from Here by Geoff Rodkey (Ages 8+)

**You do not have to read all of the books on the list in order to participate in the program.**

The final competition will be a virtual quiz. If you choose, you may form a team. You can decide to split up the books with your teammates if you wish. If you are participating in the competition solo, you can choose not to read all the books. Participants have still done amazing in the competition when they haven't read all the books. Of course, you're more than welcome to read all the titles if you'd like!

### Parents:

All of the books on the list are for youth ages 9-18. Each of these books have been read and reviewed by Youth Librarians in the Monarch Library System. They all have created buzz within the reading world due to their literary merit, popularity with youth, and value. Books were also chosen by Youth Librarians in the Monarch Library System and reflect this year's Summer Reading Program Theme, "Imagine Your Story." As public libraries, we aim to be inclusive and diverse serving everyone's needs/interests, reading levels, and abilities.

**The Jack Russell Memorial Library strongly suggests you review these titles yourself in order to gain a better understanding of what each of the books is about.** A helpful

reviewing site is commonsensemedia.org. On this site you will find reviews from teens, parents, and other readers of the books. It is completely okay if you make a personal choice to not allow your teen to read one or more of the titles on the B.O.B. list. Please be aware though that if you do not agree with a book's content and/or do not allow your teen to read one of the books it does not mean the title will be removed from the B.O.B. list overall. It is simply your personal choice as a parent to have your child not read one of these titles. In addition, any titles you personally decide to have your teen not read does not mean your teen's team will be exempt from answering questions about the book. However, as stated before your teen will be a part of a team, meaning other team members may have read the book and will know the answer to the question. While your teen may be quizzed on an individual level about all the books on the list to see which teens advance to the final competition at Lomira, many teens in the past have not read all of the books and advanced to the final round.

\*If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please contact the Assistant Director & Youth Services Librarian Jessica Manogue at 262-673-8240.

Please sign & return the attached permission slip. See return options below.

**I have received, read, and understand the agreement above. \*Please return the form when signed. Anyone who does not return a signed permission slip will not be allowed to participate in the B.O.B. 2020 Summer Competition.**

**Ways to return the form:**

- 1) Mail in the form to Jessica Manogue at the following address:  
100 Park Avenue  
Hartford, WI 53027**
- 2) Call in and give a verbal confirmation that your teen is allowed to participate in the program. Call 262-673-8240 and hit 3 for the Youth Desk. Let the staff know your teen's name and that you are allowing them to participate in the program.**

Signature of teen participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_