



Thank you to the 48 teams who participated in this spring's Battle of the Books. In addition, a huge thank you to the many parents and teachers who volunteered to help make the event a celebration of reading for our students.

The Westside Community Council will once again organize a traditional-format Battle of the Books event for the 2017-2018 school year. This event is open to all 4th through 6th grade students in the District. To participate, students will form teams of three or four students. Teams may have five students, but at most four students may compete in any round.

This is a **tentative** list for the 2017-2018 competition. The final list will consist of 10-12 books and will be finalized by September 1, 2017. Registration will begin in October, and the battle will be held March 24, 2018 at Westside Middle School.

1. *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George
2. *Redwall* by Brian Jacques
3. *Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* by Kelly Jones
4. *Masterminds* by Gordon Korman
5. *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
6. *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine
7. *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry
8. *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio
9. *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
10. *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan
11. *On the Banks of Plum Creek* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
12. *Love, Ruby Lavender* by Deborah Wiles
13. *The Castle in the Attic* by Elizabeth Winthrop

All of these books are available to borrow from the Omaha Public Library (including many as e-books). If you would like to purchase books, check out The Bookworm, Half Price Books, Amazon.com, or Half.com. Mention the Battle of the Books at The Bookworm for an extra 20% off!

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