



# ELK GROVE VILLAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS RULES 2022

### OVERVIEW

There are 40 books on the Battle of the Books list. Each team should divide the books so each person is responsible for reading 10 or more books. The list can be found in Youth Services or on the Library's website: <https://www.egvpl.org/battle-of-the-books-reading-list>

### REGISTRATION

All teams should have 3 to 4 members.

Students will **organize their own team** and decide the team name. The team may be all 4th graders or all 5th graders or a combination of 4th and 5th graders.

Parents are responsible for registering each team member **between October 8 - November 12, 2021**.

Sign up on the Library's website: <https://www.egvpl.org/battle-of-the-books>

Please be sure to consider all possible conflicts with your schedule at the time of registration. Please note that because eight families are affected when one person needs to change a battle, it is very important to adhere to the published battle schedule. When registering, please advise us of any particular day of the week the team will be **unable** to play from mid January to end of February 2022 due to prior commitments, e.g., sports practices, games, piano lessons, vacations, etc.

### PARENT / STUDENT MEETING

All members and their parents should attend the Battle of the Books orientation meeting on **Monday, November 15 at 6pm OR 7:30pm**. Once you have registered, you will receive a link to attend the meeting via Zoom or you can attend in person in the Large Meeting Room.

## SCHEDULE

A schedule of battles will be available by December 23. Parents will receive a schedule via email, or they can view it on our website: <https://www.egvpl.org/battle-of-the-books>

Each team will play **four (4) battles** between **mid January through the end of February 2022**.

Battles will be held on weekdays at **4pm, 4:30pm, or 5pm**.

The semi-final and final battles will be held at the end of February.

If a team member is not available for any reason, the team may play with the remaining players.

If an entire team fails to show for their scheduled battle, that team will not be awarded any points. The team that does show will be awarded an average score from their other three battles.

We realize extenuating circumstances do arise and we will attempt to reschedule a battle if given a **one-week notice** to Tammy Wulf at [twulf@egvpl.org](mailto:twulf@egvpl.org).

## POSTER MAKING / TEAM BUILDING EVENT

On **Saturday, January 8 from 9am - 4:30pm** your team can pick up poster-making materials at the Library to create a team poster together. All supplies provided by the Library.



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## BATTLES

Audio or video recording of battles is NOT allowed.

Each battle will consist of two (2) teams.

Each team should appoint a team captain to be the official spokesperson. The team can choose a different spokesperson for each battle. Only the spokesperson may give the answer to the question.

Each team will be asked 20 questions pertaining to the 40 books read.

Team members may confer quietly over the answers.

Each team will have 20 seconds to answer each question.

If the spokesperson asks for the question to be repeated, this time will be included in the response time.

Battles are on weekdays at the following times: 4pm, 4:30pm, 5pm.

## SCORING

**Five (5) points** will be awarded for each initial question answered correctly.

**One (1) point** will be awarded for the correct last name of the author.

Team scores will be posted weekly on our website and can be sent to parents in a text.



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## SAMPLE QUESTIONS

**Question 1:** In what book does Peter's younger brother knock out his two front teeth when he tries to fly?

**Team 1 Spokesperson:** Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

**Question 2:** In what book does a pig win a special prize at the County Fair?

**Team 2 Spokesperson:** Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

These questions demonstrate an award of five (5) points for the correct title and one (1) point for the correct author for a total of six (6) points per question.

## STEAL

If a team answers incorrectly or answers outside of the 20-second timeframe, the same question will be asked to the other team and they will be given a chance to answer within 15 seconds. Team members may confer quietly over answers if the spokesperson asks for the question to be repeated. This time will be included in the response time.

**Three (3) points** will be awarded if a team answers a "steal" question that the opposing team has missed. The bonus point for the author is not given.

Each team will be limited to five (5) steals in a battle. If a team misses a question they have attempted to steal, it will still count toward the limit of five (5).

## SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

When all teams have completed four (4) battles, the four (4) teams with the highest cumulative scores will compete in the semi-finals. The winners of the semi-finals will participate in the final battle.

Semi-finals and finals are structured the same as regular battles.

If a tie occurs in the semi-final or final, the cumulative scores from the four (4) previous battles will be used to break the tie.

The semi-final and final battles will be held at the end of **February 2022**.



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