

# Battle of the Books

**Division 1: Sasquatch Award books grades 4-6**

**Division 2: Evergreen Teen Book Award books grades 6-8**

Dear Families,

The Catholic Schools Library Association (CSLA) is once again hosting the Battle of the Books Competition and our 4th-8th grade students are invited to participate. This is the third year for this reading incentive program sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe's school library in partnership with the CSLA.

Students who choose to participate will join a team, read books from a specific book list (see nominations lists at the bottom of this document), and participate in Jeopardy style competitions. The OLG school team that wins the building competition will be invited to participate against winning teams from other regional Catholic schools. Due to COVID restrictions on gathering in large groups, the competition will be held online using the Zoom platform in the month of May.

## **What is the Battle of the Books?**

The Battle of the Books is an **optional** reading incentive program open to students in the 4th-8th grades. Students in grade 6 may choose to participate in either the Evergreen or the Sasquatch competition but not both.

There are 3 rounds of competition, grade level, building level and district (archdioceses) level. The winning team from OLG will be invited to participate against winning teams from other regional Catholic schools.

## **What is required of the student?**

Students who choose to participate will:

- 1) join a team of 4 people
- 2) read 3+ books from the booklist
- 3) share the stories they have read with their teammates
- 4) work together during the competition to answer as many questions correctly as they can
- 5) enjoy reading and sharing books with friends

Each student does not need to read every book on the list. Often teams will split the list among teammates where each teammate is responsible for 3 or 4 books. Within each team, students will determine which books each team member will read based on the input from their teammates. Not every book will be the best fit for each child so it is important that students work together to ensure each team member is comfortable with their selection. The goal is to ensure that at least one person on their team has read each of the books on their award list. Then over the course of the next couple months teams meet with their group to discuss the books they have read.

## **What is the competition like?**

Due to COVID restrictions, competitions will be held online using Zoom and breakout rooms. The host (Mrs. Somerville for OLG competitions) will ask a question, post the question in the chat, and send teams to the breakout room to discuss the answer, then students return to the main room, type their answer directly to the Zoom host, who keeps track of correct answers. The grade level team with the most points will advance to the building level competition. The OLG school team that wins the building competition will

be invited to participate against winning teams from other regional Catholic schools. Due to COVID restrictions on gathering in large groups, the regional competition will be held online using the Zoom platform in the month of May.

### **When do the competitions take place?**

In late spring (end of April early May) we begin the classroom and building competitions. Teams compete against other teams at their grade level answering questions about each of the award-nominated books. The winning team from each class/grade level will then compete against other OLG class champions. The winning team for Our Lady of Guadalupe School will compete against the winning teams from other regional Catholic elementary schools.

### **Where can I find the books?**

Our school library has one or more copies of each book title. The Seattle Public Library and the King County library also purchase multiple copies of these titles. The public libraries also have ebooks, and audio books for some of the titles, so there are many options for access to these books. Some teams choose to purchase a set of books and share amongst their teammates, but this is not an expectation.

### **Timeline**

Now: Read the award books

Now: talk to your classmates about forming a team and divide up book titles

Feb-May: read, and talk with your team about the books

April 26-30: Class/Grade level competitions

May 3-7: School level competitions

May date TBD - regional competition

The exact dates and times for all the competitions will be shared at a later date.

Thanks,

**Mrs. Sommerville** - Library/Technology

<https://www.guadalupe-school.org/classes/library-tech/>

Learn about the Sasquatch Award nominee book list for grades 4-6 [here](#) or review this Google Slides Presentation which includes a synopsis of each book, a trailer if available and links to reviews.

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1FNgtawlaemcaTkLQk3zIWnvgnNY9\\_5OmFRNYCmYClFo/present](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1FNgtawlaemcaTkLQk3zIWnvgnNY9_5OmFRNYCmYClFo/present)

Learn about the Evergreen Teen Book Award nominee book list for grades 6-8 [here](#) or review this Google Slides presentation which includes a synopsis of each book, a trailer if available and links to reviews.

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Instructions for signing into the OLG Online Library Catalog

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XYcgE31vcQtUA6ov-gl0WR\\_BqXh0f1I0/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XYcgE31vcQtUA6ov-gl0WR_BqXh0f1I0/view?usp=sharing)

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### 2020-2021 Sasquatch

❑ **Small Spaces** by Katherine Arden  
Age 10+ Lexile HL570L

❑ **Finding Langston** by Lesa Cline-ransome  
Age 8-12 Lexile 760L

❑ **Saving Winslow** By Sharon Creech  
Age 8-12 Lexile 690L

❑ **Thisby Thestoop And The Black Mountain**  
By Zac Gorman Age 8-12 Lexile 680L

❑ **Ban This Book** By Alan Gratz  
Age 8-12 Lexile 690L

❑ **Junior Ninja Champion: The Competition Begins**  
By Catherine Hapka Age 10-12 Lexile 720L

❑ **The Season Of Styx Malone** By Kekla Magoon  
Age 8-12 Lexile 510L

❑ **Nowhere Boy** By Katherine Marsh  
Age 10-14 Lexile 810L

❑ **Bob** By Wendy Mass And Rebecca Stead  
Age 8-12 Lexile 590L

❑ **Chester And Gus** By Cammie McGovern  
Age 8-12 Lexile 680L

❑ **Explorer Academy: The Nebula Secret**  
By Trudi Trueit Age 8-12 Lexile 660L

❑ **Front Desk** By Kelly Yang  
Age 8-12 Lexile 640L

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### 2020-2021 Evergreen Teen Books

❑ **Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire** - John August  
Age 8-12 Lexile 670L

❑ **The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle** - Leslie  
Connor Age 8-12 Lexile 310L

❑ **Game Changer** - Tommy Greenwald  
Age 10-14 Lexile 750L

❑ **The Eleventh Trade** - Alyssa Hollingsworth  
Age 10-14 Lexile 650L

❑ **Proud: Living My American Dream** - Ibtihaj  
Muhammad Age 8-12 Lexile 960L

❑ **Amal Unbound** - Aisha Saeed  
Age 10-13 Lexile HL600L

❑ **Love a la Mode** - Stephanie Kate Strohm  
Age 12+ Lexile HL760L

❑ **The Prince and the Dressmaker** - Jen Wang  
Age 12+ Lexile HL680L

❑ **Skyward** - Brandon Sanderson  
Age 12-18 Lexile HL680L

❑ **City of Ghosts** - Victoria Schwab  
Age 9-12 Lexile 720L