

**Glenview Public Library**  
**Youth Services**  
**Battle of the Books Rules**  
*Revised September 2008*

BOB is now open to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders only!!!

**REGISTRATION**

Registration for the Battle of the Books program is open to all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders who either attend school in Glenview or who are residents of Glenview. Registration is done through the schools under the guidance of the school librarian (or designated library contact) or at the Glenview Public Library and will start on **Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** and end on **Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**.

Ideally, each team should have four (4) members, however, a team of 2 or 3 is acceptable. If any original team members can not compete, the team will have to compete without the missing member. No substitutions or alternates will be allowed.

**SCHEDULING**

A schedule of meets will be determined once registration is completed. Each team will be scheduled for **ONE** meet only. Schedules will be mailed to the schools in early December and notification will be sent to each participant's home address in early January.

Meets will be held on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday** and a select few Thursday afternoons from **4-5:30pm** beginning January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 through February. If team members know that there is a certain day of the week that they **CANNOT** meet, please specify that on the registration form.

If a team is unable to attend on its scheduled date, the team members should contact their school librarian, or if none, the Glenview Public Library's School Services Coordinator, Maria Pontillas, as soon as possible before the day of the meet. Every attempt will be made to reschedule so that all who have shown interest may participate. However, if a team does not appear at their scheduled meet without advance notice that team will receive a score of zero (0) and the team will forfeit the chance to participate. If an individual member is unable to honor his or her commitment to the team, he should immediately notify the other members of the team and the school librarian.

**BOB ORIENTATION MEETING**

**Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 10-11am or 1-2pm**

Parents are welcome to attend. Watch for a notice that will be mailed to the home of each registered student, along with the date of each student's scheduled meet. Important dates and the full calendar of scheduled meets will be posted on the library's home page @ [www.glenviewpl.org/battleofthebooks.htm](http://www.glenviewpl.org/battleofthebooks.htm)

**MEETS**

The meets begin at the end of January and will be held in the Maynard Room of the Glenview Public Library. They start promptly at 4pm, so participants should arrive at least 10 minutes early. Each team should determine which teammate will give the answers to the moderator because the first answer given will be taken as the response.

The meet is divided into three rounds. During rounds 1 and 2, each team will be asked 7 questions, with a total of 14 questions for the two rounds. The teams will be asked, in turn, to choose from box 1, 2, or 3. Questions are then pulled from the selected box, at random, by the moderator. When a team gives the correct title they will receive 5 points. When they also give the correct author, they will receive 1 additional point. All that is required is the author's last name. However, if there are two different authors with the same last name on the list, then the first name will also be required. If a team does not know the answer to a question, that question is put aside. It will not be offered to another team. There will be a short break between rounds 1 & 2.

The third round is the Bonus round. Each team will be asked 3 questions selected from 4 boxes labeled with a subject category (for instance, "adventure," "historical," "animals," etc.) At times, a box may be labeled with two or more genres. In this round teams are required to give the title of the book only; authors' names are not required. When a team answers with the correct title they will receive 10 points. Again, if a team does not know the answer to a question, that question is put aside. It will not be offered to another team. Scores will not be given out during or immediately after the meet; they will be posted in the Youth Services Department the following day or team members may call.

### **HONOR ROLL**

At the conclusion of all the meets, the teams with the 5 highest scores will be placed on the Honor Roll, and a plaque with their names on it will be posted in the Youth Services Department of the library.

### **CELEBRATION PARTY**

On Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 a celebration party will be scheduled for all students who participated in a meet. An invitation to this program will be mailed or handed out immediately after the last meet. The location of the party is yet to be determined.

### **SAMPLE QUESTION**

1. In which book do a cat and a pig team up to solve a mystery?

TITLE: Freddy the Detective

AUTHOR: Brooks

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

BOB REGISTRATION	Monday, September 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 to Monday, October 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 Through your school librarian or at the library
BOB ORIENTATION MEETING	Saturday, January 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2009 from 10-11am or 1-2pm Maynard Room, Glenview Public Library
BOB MEETS	Each team competes in <b>ONE</b> meet only Meets run late January 2009 through February 2009
BOB CELEBRATION PARTY	Saturday, February 28, 2009 - invitations to follow meets

More information online @ [www.glenviewpl.org/battleofthebooks.htm](http://www.glenviewpl.org/battleofthebooks.htm)