

Battle of the Books

What is Battle of the Books?

Battle of the Books (BOB) is a Glenview Public Library program that invites 4th and 5th graders to form teams, read books, and participate in a meet to test their knowledge of the books. This year's book list is available at the library and online at glenviewpl.org/kids/bob/

Things Seem a Little Different This Year . . .

Due to health and safety concerns, Battle of the Books will be different from years past. At its root, the program remains the same. Students will form teams of 2 to 4 members, read books from our booklist, and prove their skills by answering questions at a meet with other teams.

Parents, if your child is a returning 5th grader or if you have been through the program with an older student, please read each section carefully, as the process is different this year.

At this time, we are planning to host meets online, though if local health conditions merit it, we are prepared to shift to offering meets in person.

Communication about Battle of the Books will primarily be done through email this year. Please make sure when registering to **include a valid email address belonging to an adult** so that we can inform you of any updates.

Registration *Monday, October 19th, 2020 through Friday, December 11th, 2020*

Registration is open to all 4th and 5th graders who live in Glenview or attend school in Glenview. Parents, please register your child using our online form available starting October 19th: <https://www.glenviewpl.org/kids/bob/> Paper copies of our registration form are also available in Youth Services Department at the Glenview Public Library and from the school librarians.

Each student must register separately. Please include the names of all team members—as well as your team name—when you register. Ideally, each team should have 4 members, but teams of 3 or 2 are also acceptable. School librarians and Glenview Public Library staff are happy to help interested students find teams.

Meet Dates

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays afterschool from mid-February through mid-April 2021. Your student's meet will not be scheduled during your student's spring break.

We will schedule **ONE** meet date for each team. All meets will take place online between *mid-February through mid-April 2021*. We will mail your meet date to your home in late January. We will also send a schedule of the meets to the schools.

When you receive your meet date, please check with your team members immediately to make sure everyone is available at that time. If not, please call Youth Services, Glenview Public Library at (847) 729-7500 as soon as possible. We will do our best to reschedule your meet.



If your team does not contact us to reschedule and does not appear for your scheduled meet, you will receive a score of zero and forfeit the chance to participate.

If an individual member is unable to honor his or her commitment to the team, please immediately notify the other members of your team and the Glenview Public Library.

Orientation Video

Available January 1st

Youth Services Staff will release a video to walk participants and their families through how a virtual Battle of the Books will be run. Instructions on how to log in, how questions will be asked and answered, and what behavior expectations are will be included in the video.

Students should expect questions to be in the same format as previous years, though the number of questions and the point value of questions may be different compared to previous years. Scoring information will be released in the Orientation Video.

After viewing the video, if you still have questions, please contact us via email at the contact information below.

SAMPLE QUESTION

In which book does a boy receive an invisibility cloak for Christmas?

TITLE: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
AUTHOR: Rowling

Scores

Scores will be posted the day after each meet on the Glenview Public Library's website and in the Youth Services department. After all of the meets have concluded, all teams that have earned one of the five highest scores will be listed on our BOB Honor Roll on the Glenview Public Library's website.

Important Dates

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| BOB Registration | Monday, October 19 th , 2020 through Friday, December 11 th , 2020 |
| BOB Orientation Video | Friday, January 1 st , 2021 |
| BOB Meets | Mid-February through Mid-April 2021 Meets to be held via Zoom If In-person meets become available, teams will be contact as soon as possible |

Please visit our website for more information: glenviewpl.org/kids/bob/

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