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Carroll County Public Library's Battle of the Books 2025 Returns this Spring

Carroll County, MD – The first night of Carroll County Public Library's Battle of the Books 2025 season will be held Thursday, March 27, at Westminster High School. Students have been preparing for this year's battle season since the announcement of this year's elementary and middle school booklists in July of last year, with teams studying hard to memorize the core details of each book.

What is Battle of the Books?

Battle of the Books is an exciting book-based competition. Students compete in teams to answer questions relating to the content of a number of books. The game format creates interest and excitement in reading, while cultivating teamwork, and encouraging good sportsmanship.

Battle of the Books 2025 schedule

Each Battle of the Books event begins promptly at 6:30 PM. The dates & locations of each battle are as follows:

- Public Middle School Battle - North Conference: Thursday, March 27, Westminster High School
- Private Elementary School Battle: Friday, March 28, Gerstell Academy
- North Carroll Area Elementary Battle: Friday, March 28, Manchester Valley High School
- Public Middle School Battle - South Conference: Friday, April 4, Westminster High School
- Homeschool Middle School Battle: Friday, April 4, Montessori School of Westminster
- Finksburg Area Elementary Battle: Friday, April 11, Winters Mill High School
- Mount Airy Area Elementary Battle: Friday, April 11, South Carroll High School
- Eldersburg Area Elementary Battle: Friday, April 25, Century High School
- Westminster Area Elementary Battle: Friday, April 25, Westminster High School
- Taneytown Area Elementary Battle: Friday, May 2, Francis Scott Key High School

Quotes

- Lisa Picker, Carroll County Public Library's Director of Communications, highlights exactly why Battle of the Books programs are one-of-a-kind learning opportunities for students across the county: "Battle of the Books is unlike any other competition in that the focus is on building literacy through teamwork. It is awesome to see how our student participants improve year after year. Parents tell us that their kids who participate read more throughout the year than they did before the program. It is a win-win!"
- Joe Thompson, Carroll County Public Library's Director of Public Service, makes it clear what a remarkable experience seeing a Battle of the Books program in action really is: "It is amazing to see first-hand! It's incredible to see how these kids can focus on understanding the text while building friendships and learning how to be good team players. I am so grateful to our staff and everyone at Carroll County Public Schools, our other partner schools, and homeschoolers for the strength of this program."

For more information about Battle of the Books, including rules, this year's booklists, and more, visit Carroll County Public Library's Battle of the Books page at <https://library.carr.org/programs/BoB.asp>.

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