



What Is Battle of the Books? Battle of the Books (B.O.T.B.) is an *optional* reading challenge for 4th and 5th graders. Students form teams of 2 to 4 members and elect a team captain. Teams collaborate to read 12 books from the B.O.T.B. list, which can be divided among team members as they determine. Teams participate in "Book Battles" during which they answer questions about the books. The answer to each question will be one of the book's titles.

How Do Students Sign Up? The week of October 6th, all 4th and 5th graders will be introduced to B.O.T.B. during their Library class. Team registration forms will be distributed at that time, and completed forms must be submitted to Mrs. Ashley in the library **by Friday, October 31st**.

When Does Battle of the Books Take Place? All B.O.T.B. team meetings and "battles" take place during the school day. Teams meet weekly during lunch and recess in the library to read, discuss, and create a team poster. Outside of school hours, students might have to spend time reading some of the books. "Book battles" will take place in the winter and spring. In early April, the winning team from Einstein will compete against a winning team from another school via Teams during the school day.

How Do Students Get Books? Mrs. Ashley will have several copies of each book in the library for checkout. Some titles are also available in eBook or audiobook formats through SORA on ClassLink. Parents can assist their child in finding books in any format from public libraries.

Questions? More information can be found on the [Einstein Library](https://www.einsteinlibrary.org) website, or contact Aimée Ashley, Einstein Elementary Librarian, at aiashley@lwsd.org.

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