



A World of Knowledge

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‘Battle’ books make great summer reading

Catawba County Library’s Summer Reading signups begin May 29 and the annual Battle of the Books reading list is an excellent prompt.

Battle of the Books challenges kids to test their knowledge of literature and help instill a love of reading. Students in grades 5-8 prepare for the contest by reading from a pre-selected book list sponsored by the N.C. School Library Media Association. The reading list offers highly regarded children’s literature representing a cross-section of subjects and genres.

North Carolina’s list was recently released, and Catawba County Library System has multiple copies available on specially marked shelves. If you cannot find a title, be sure to ask a librarian.

Grades 6-8

TITLE

Airborn
Bronx Masquerade
Chicken Boy
Code Talker
Dead End in Norvelt
Death Cloud
Diamonds in the Shadow
Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie
Everlost
Flush
Freak the Mighty
George Washington, Spymaster
The Graveyard Book
Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life
Just Ella
Left for Dead

AUTHOR

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Jordan Sonnenblick
Neal Shusterman
Carl Hiaasen
Rodman Philbrick
Thomas B. Allen
Neil Gaiman
Wendy Mass
Margaret Peterson Haddix
Peter Nelson

The Nine Pound Hammer
Out of My Mind
Peak
Peter and the Starcatchers
Phineas Gage
Saraswati's Way
Stones in Water
Storm Warriors
Under the Mesquite
The Wednesday Wars
White Fang

John Claude Bemis
Sharon M. Draper
Roland Smith
Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
John Fleischman
Monica Schroder
Donna Jo Napoli
Elisa Carbone
Guadalupe Garcia McCall
Gary D. Schmidt
Jack London

Grade 5

A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray
Because of Winn-Dixie
Becoming Naomi Leon
Blood on the River: James Town 1607
How to Steal a Dog
John Smith Escapes Again!
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH
The Mystery of the Lost Colony
Peace Locomotion
Poppy
Ruby Holler
Runaway Twin
Scumble
The Last Holiday Concert
The Lemonade War
Tuck Everlasting

Ann M. Martin
Kate DiCamillo
Pam Munoz Ryan
Elisa Carbon
Barbara O'Connor
Rosalyn Schanzer
Robert C. O'Brien
Carole Marsh
Jacqueline Woodson
Avi
Sharon Creech
Peg Kehret
Ingrid Law
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