

# Greene County Reading Competition

## How the Books Were Chosen

- The elementary and middle school levels' book lists come from America's Battle of the Books.
- Half of the high school books come from America's Battle of the Books. Because students have asked to not have all classic titles, the other half were chosen from the America Library Association's Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) list of, "Books That Won't Make You Blush."

## Grade/Competition Levels

- The book levels are listed as elementary (grades 3-5), middle school (grades 6-8), and high school (grades 9-12). If students younger than grade 3 want to compete, they may at the elementary level. That is a decision for the schools and coaches to make. If a school district considers grade 6 to be elementary, those sixth grade students would be considered elementary level for the competition. If a school district considers grade 6 to be middle school, those sixth grade students would be considered middle school level for the competition. No one older than grade 12 should be competing.

## Where to Get the Books

- Eva K. Bowlby Public Library in Waynesburg and Flenniken Public Library in Carmichaels both have a complete set of the reading competition books. You can place holds on these items through the WAGGIN link on the Greene County Reading Competition's website. (Click the WAGGIN card picture) You will need a WAGGIN library card:  
<http://www.greenecolib.org/greene-county-reading-competition.html>
- Many of the titles are available in eBook format through our OverDrive platform. You will need a WAGGIN library card:  
<http://waggin.lib.overdrive.com>
- Some of the classics listed on the high school list can also be found through Freading. You will need a WAGGIN library card:  
<http://greenecolib.freading.com>

## Library and Non-School Teams

- Check with your team members and their parents about transportation to and from the event. If the students attend public schools that are sending other students, you may want to check to see if your kids can ride the school's transportation. Each school could be different and they will need to know in advance.

## Spectators

- The competition rounds take place in small classrooms. It is not designed to have a large number of spectators viewing the competition. However, parents/guardians wishing to attend and watch the competition will not be turned away. We just ask that you sit as far away from the teams as possible, follow the competition rules, and not interfere with the proceedings. Because we allow up to 3 teams per room, there may not be anywhere for spectators to sit during a given round.
- There is an awards ceremony after all the scores have been tallied. Parents/guardians are invited to attend at this time. There is more room in this area.

## Photography

- The GCLS staff and volunteers will be taking pictures throughout the day. We will not take pictures during rounds because it could be distracting. The first, second, and third place teams at each level will also be photographed. We will need the names of all those in the picture. The newspapers will not put the pictures in their papers without names.