

★ **OLPH** ★ **BATTLE** OF THE **BOOKS**

2026-2027

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**READ.
COMPETE.
WIN!**

Battle of the Books is a reading competition for students who read a minimum of any 20 out of 28 Battle books throughout the school year. At the end of the year, students participate on a team in a county-wide competition, answering questions to win awards.

If your student is interested, get a head start on reading from the Battle list this summer! All books available at the Kern County Library and bookstores.

:: Book List 3rd Grade 2026-27 ::

Author

Atwater, Richard

Birney, Betty

Blume, Judy

Brown, Peter

Bulla, Clyde Robert

Byars, Betsy

Cleary, Beverly

Coerr, Eleanor

Cohen, Barbara

Cooney, Barbara

Dahl, Roald

Gannett, Ruth Stiles

Warner, Gertrude

White, E. B.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls

Title

Mr. Popper's Penguins

The World According to Humphrey

Freckle Juice

Wild Robot

A Lion to Guard Us

Tornado

Muggie Maggie

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes

Molly's Pilgrim

Miss Rumphius

George's Marvelous Medicine

My Father's Dragon

Boxcar Children

Charlotte's Web

Little House in the Big Woods

:: Standard 28 Book List 4-6 Grades 2026-27 ::

Author	Title
Applegate, Katherine	The One and Only Ivan
Chin, Jason	Your Place in the Universe
Chokshi, Roshani	Aru Shah and the End of Time
Clements, Andrew	The Loser's Club
Craft, Jerry	New Kid
DiCamillo, Kate	Because of Winn-Dixie
Ewing, Eve L.	Maya and the Robot
Fleischman, Sid	By the Great Horn Spoon!
Gibbs, Stuart	Once Upon a Tim
Grabenstein, Chris	Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library
Holm, Jennifer	Lion of Mars
Jones, Kelly	Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer
Korman, Gordon	Masterminds
Levine, Gail Carson	Ella Enchanted
Lloyd, Megan Wagner	Allergic
Look, Lenore	Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School and Other Scary Things
Lowry, Lois	Number the Stars
Markle, Sandra	What If You Had Animal Eyes?
Mass, Wendy	Bob
Palacio, R.J.	Wonder
Parry, Rosanne	A Wolf Called Wander
Paulsen, Gary	Hatchet
Pennypacker, Sara	Clementine
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Esperanza Rising
Tsang, Kevin & Katie	Infinity's Secret
Tarshis, Lauren	I Survived the American Revolution, 1776
Yang, Kelly	Front Desk
Yee, Lisa	A Royal Conundrum

:: Standard 28 Book List 6-8 Grades 2026-27 ::

Author	Title
Applegate, Katherine	Crenshaw
Beals, Melba,	Warriors Don't Cry
Boyne, John	The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
Burgan, Michael	Breaker Boys: How a Photograph Helped End Child Labor
Coelho, Paulo	The Alchemist
Creech, Sharon	Walk Two Moons
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Bud, Not Buddy
Freedman, Russell	Becoming Ben Franklin: How a Candle-Maker's Son Helped Light the Flame of Liberty
George, Jean Craighead	On the Far Side of the Mountain
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Among the Hidden (Shadow Children #1)
Holm, Jennifer	Our Only May Amelia
Hunt, Lynda Mullaly	Shouting at the Rain
Kelly, Lynne	Song for a Whale
Korman, Gordon	The Unteachables
O'Dell, Scott	The King's Fifth
Park, Linda Sue	A Single Shard
Patterson, James	Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life
Shahan, Sherry	Death Mountain
Sloan, Holly	Counting by 7s
Soto, Gary	Baseball in April and Other Stories
Sperry, Armstrong	Call It Courage
Swanson, James L.	Chasing Lincoln's Killer
Taylor, Mildred D.	The Land
Tolkien, JRR	The Hobbit
Van Draanen, Wendelin	Sammy Keys and the Hotel Thief
Voight, Cynthia	A Solitary Blue
Wilson, Diane Lee	I Rode a Horse of Milk White Jade
Woodson, Jacqueline	Feathers