# Key Dates

**Registration begins:** September 25, 2026
**Registration deadline:** January 29, 2027
**Semi-Final:** April 6, 2027
**Final Battle:** April 13, 2027
**Regional Final:** April 15, 2027 (hosted by Ajax Public Library)

**Battle Coordinators may register teams by doing the following:**

- Visit the Battle website at **bookbattle.ca**.
- Click on the Register tab.

Contact us if you do not receive a response within five business days.

Please remember to register separately for the Junior division (Grades 4, 5, and 6) and the Intermediate division Battles (Grades 7 and 8).

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# 2027 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS




2026 Winners: Jack Miner Public School

## Durham Region Public Libraries

### Junior Division

Official Rules & Booklist

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# Official Rules

1. One team of six students from Grades 7 or 8 will represent each school. Up to four substitutes may rotate between the rounds of play. **No team shall have more than 10 players in total** (six regular team members and four substitutes).
2. Each team will have a spokesperson. The team is encouraged to discuss possible answers, but **answers are only accepted from the spokesperson**.
3. Semi-Finals consist of three rounds of play. Finals will have one round. One round consists of both a Regular Battle and a Lightning Battle.
4. Regular Battle questions will be addressed to teams alternately, regardless of the last correct answer. There are 10 Regular Battle questions per round. When asked a question, teams will have **20 seconds** to provide the book's title and author (see booklist).
5. During this 20-second time period, the team may have the question repeated as needed, but this will cut into the allotted time. Teams have a **maximum of three title and three author guesses per question**.
6. Three points are awarded for the correct **exact title** and **another three for the author's surname.** The author's first name does not need to be identified.
7. Lightning Battles are at the end of each round. Each team gets **2 minutes and 30 seconds** to answer up to 10 questions about details of the named books; titles or authors are not needed. Each correctly answered Lightning question is worth **five points**. Teams can guess as many times as needed to answer each question, but this uses up time. Lightning and Regular Battle scores will be added together.
8. If a team disagrees with the moderator's ruling on an answer, the team may **challenge** the ruling immediately after a Regular question or immediately after the end of a Lightning Battle. A team may only challenge rulings on its own answers. Moderators can confirm their original ruling, award points, or provide a randomly selected alternative question as a substitution.
9. When a **tie-breaker** is necessary, each team in the tie-breaker will be asked extra Lightning Battle questions. **The spokesperson must provide one correct answer within 20 seconds**. No guesses are allowed and an incorrect answer results in elimination. The last team standing wins the tie-breaker round.
10. The **top three** teams from the Semi-Finals in each municipality play in their Finals. The gold medal teams from Finals will represent their municipalities in the Durham Regional Championship.

# 2027 Booklist

## Adventure

**Tiger Lily & the Secret Treasure of Neverland** by Cherie Dimaline

**Clean Getaway** by Nic Stone

**The Mad Wolf's Daughter** by Diane Magras

**Roar** by Varsha Bajaj

**Dawn of the Axolotl** by Kit Brooks

**Ink Girls** (Graphic Novel) by Marieke Nijkamp

## Favourites

**Swim Team** (Graphic Novel) by Johnnie Christmas

**Save Me a Seat** by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

**Pocket Bear** by Katherine Applegate

**The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe** by C.S. Lewis

**The Brushmaker's Daughter** by Kathy Kacer

**Space for Saffron** by Rie Neal

## Silver Birch

**Touching Grass** by Kristy Jackson

**Kaboom!: Blast Off** (Graphic Novel) by Jay Odjick

**Beast Ballerz** by Wesley King

**Briarwood** by Natalie Hyde

**Hitting the Target** by Lorna Schultz Nicholson

**The Ghosts of Bitterfly Bay** by Mary Averling

## Fantasy

**Styx and Stones** by Gary D. Schmidt and Ron Koertge

**Aru Shah & the End of Time** by Roshani Chokshi

**The Gate, the Girl, and the Dragon** by Grace Lin

**The Second Life of Snap** by Erin Entrada Kelly

**The Traitor Moth** by Katharine Orton

**Moonleapers** by Margaret Peterson Haddix

## Mystery

**The Parker Inheritance** by Varian Johnson

**Thirteens** by Kate Alice Marshall

**The Fabulous Zed Watson!** by Kevin and Basil Sylvester

**The Van Gogh Deception** by Deron Hicks

**The Case of Windy Lake** by Michael Hutchinson

**Growing Home** by Beth Ferry