Key Dates

Registration begins: September 25, 2026
Registration deadline: January 29, 2027
Semi-Final: April 8, 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: Coronation Public School

Durham Region Public Libraries

Intermediate 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

The Secret Library by Kekla Magoon

The Secret of the Ravens (Graphic Novel) by Joanna Cacao

The Genie Game by Jordan Ifueko

Theft of the Ruby Lotus by Sayantani DasGupta

A Potion, a Powder, a Little Bit of Magic: Or, Like Lightning in an Umbrella Storm, a Story Out of Order by Philip C. Stead

The Druid's Call by E.K. Johnston

Fantasy/Sci-Fi

Winston Chu vs. the Whimsies by Stacey Lee

Shakti (Graphic Novel) by SJ Sindu

Right Back at You by Carolyn Mackler

The Mossheart's Promise by Rebecca Mix

The Bloodstone Thief by Sabina Khan

When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller

Favourites

Plague Thieves by Caroline Fernandez

Walking in Two Worlds by Wab Kinew

Olivia Gray Will Not Fade Away by Ciera Burch

Yara's Spring by Jamal Saeed and Sharon E. McKay

Wombat Waiting by Katherine Applegate

The Other Side of Perfect by Melanie Florence and Richard Scrimger

Realistic

King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callender

Buzzing (Graphic Novel) by Samuel Sattin

The Lions' Run by Sara Pennypacker

Way Off Track (Graphic Novel) by Carl Brundtland

Nikhil Out Loud by Maulik Pancholy

Busted by Dan Gemeinhart

Red Maple

Absolutely No Body Parts by Valerie Sherrard

The Book of Jupiter by Robin Stevenson

Lydia Cooper is a Lie by Meaghan McIsaac

Sam by Eric Walters

Skygull Calamity by Browyn Fairchild

The Vanished Ones by Chad Lucas