

# IBOB Idaho Battle of the Books

Please fill out the following information and turn it in by \_\_\_\_\_ to the library.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, would like to participate in IBOB.

IBOB is an optional reading program that students can participate in from grades 6-9. Because of the wide range of grades, the books cover a wide range of age interests, reading levels and genres. Teams of up to 4 students (with one alternate) will read the books listed below. As a team, you can decide how to split up the books or if you want to read them all. Some of the books may not appeal to you because of the genre or content, so work with your team (and parents) to find the books right for you.

## I understand:

- I will be on a team with a total of 4 students (and 1 alternate if you choose). I can choose my own team or be placed on a team.
- My team will decide how to split up the 16 books and I will do my best to support my team. If a book genre or topic does not work for me, my team and I will discuss strategies.
- I understand that I will be battling against teams from grades 6-9.
- I will try to attend all team meetings and any library IBOB activities. I will be an active member of my team.
- I will be prompt about bringing back the book that was loaned to me.
- If my team scores high enough, I will attend the district competition spring 2026.
- I will treat my fellow team members and other IBOB participants with respect.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_



Cut below the dotted line and keep the list of books at home.

## 2025-26 Middle School/Junior High 6-9 Books:

- The Clackity by Lora Senf
- The First State of Being by Erin Entrada Kelly
- Iceberg by Jennifer Nielson
- Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell
- The Keeper of the Lost Cities by Shannon Messenger
- The Last Mapmaker by Christina Soontornvat
- Life As We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer
- Louder than Hunger by John Schu
- Max in the House of Spies by Adam Gidwitz
- Mexikid by Pedro Martin
- The Curse of the Mummy by Candace Fleming
- The Mysterious Howling by Maryrose Wood
- No One Leaves the Castle by Christopher Healy
- The Sherlock Society by James Ponti
- Simon Sort of Says by Erin Bow
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**Do you wish reading books was a sport? Join our IBOB (Idaho Battle of the Books) team!**

The details:

- 4 people per team (1 alternate is allowed)
- You will name your team.
- Books will be loaned out by the school library, public library, or bring your own.
- Your team can meet as often as you want. There will be some specific library times for activities and meetings.
- As a team, you decide how to read the books. You can read all 16, you can split them up, etc. *No one is required to read a book if they do not want to read it.*
- Teams will read the books during the fall and winter and in January school battles will start.
- The questions will be “in which book” or “content” questions. You will have 15 seconds to discuss the answer, and the team spokesperson will give the answer.
- You will have the chance to answer the other team’s question if they do not know it.
- Selected team(s) will go to the district or regional competition in Spring 2026.
- Team(s) advancing from a school competition will be invited to participate in a regional competition, if there is one for that region.

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