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The Battle of the Books is a district-wide competition in Birdville ISD. The district's next competitions will be for the 2021-2022 school year. The list will remain the same as the 2020-21 list, since the competition for this year has been cancelled.

The primary goal of the program is to promote close reading in a wide variety of genres, diverse literature, and multiple narrative styles that introduce students to numerous authors.

The Battle of the Books program strives to foster academic competition, encourage students to collaborate as a team, enhance reading comprehension levels and critical thinking, and create a statewide recognized list of exemplary titles for elementary students.

The program is voluntary. Those students wishing to participate are asked to read the books selected for their respective grade levels and qualify for their individual campus teams. District-wide competition is held every January.

The books for the 2021-2022 school year are listed below. You can also download a list here.

Primary Battle of the Books Title List 2021-2022

- 1. Crayon Man by Natascha Biebow
- 2. Donkey Egg by Janet Stevens
- 3. *Douglas, You're a Genius* by Ged Adamson
- 4. *Hair Love* by Matthew A. Cherry
- 5. Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall
- 6. *If You Were the Moon* by Laura Purdie Salas
- 7. Jack and the Beanstalk and the French Fries by Mark Teague
- 8. Little Red Fort by Brenda Maier
- 9. New Shoes by Sara Varon
- 10. Penny and Her Song by Kevin Henkes
- 11. Saxby Smart: The Curse of the Ancient Mask... by Simon Cheshire
- 12. Yard Sale by Eve Bunting

Intermediate Battle of the Books Title List 2021-2022

- 1. *Cog* by Greg Van Eekhout
- 2. *Frindle* by Andrew Clements
- 3. Go for the Moon: A Rocket, a Boy, and the First Moon Landing by Chris Gall
- 4. *Inkling* by Kenneth Oppel
- 5. Love Sugar Magic: A Dash of Trouble by Anna Meriano
- 6. Superstar by Mandy Davis
- 7. *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street* by Karina Yan Glaser
- 8. The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley