

**GERMANTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL  
BATTLE OF THE BOOKS CLUB INFO 2018-2019**

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Germantown Middle School is participating in the Shelby County Area Middle Schools' Battle of the Books program to encourage independent reading for student in grades 5-8. Each participating school will create a team of 8-16 students (4 required to compete). Each student on the team will read a total of ten books from a pre-selected reading list (shown below). Students have from August until the end of January to read all ten books. During February & March, participating students will demonstrate their knowledge of the books by answering comprehension questions about the reading content during a game show style competition against other participating middle schools. Anyone interested in being part of the GMS team should attend the information meeting August 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm in the library.

**2018-2019 READING LIST**

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Genre</b>	<b>Pages</b>
1.	Garvey's Choice	Nikki Grimes	Novel in Verse/Bullying	108
2.	Almost Astronauts	Tanya Lee Stone	Nonfiction/Biography	133
3.	The Whydah: a pirate ship feared, wrecked & found	Martin W. Sandler	Nonfiction	170
4.	Hoodoo	Ronald L Smith	Fantasy/Magic	208
5.	Awkward	Svetlana Chmokava	Graphic Novel/Realistic	210
6.	The Island of Dr. Libris	Chris Grabenstein	Action/Adventure	242
7.	Refugee	Alan Gratz	Historical Fiction	338
8.	Mayday	Karen Harrington	Realistic Fiction	344
9.	The Wild Robot	Peter Brown	Science Fiction	279
10.	The Blackthorn Key (Book 1)	Kevin Sands	Mystery	371

**GMS "BATTLE OF THE BOOKS" COMMITMENT**

Student agrees to make a commitment to be part of the GMS "Battle of the Books" team and agrees to the following conditions:

- Student agrees to read all ten books on the "Battle of the Books" Reading List by the end of January (2 books/month).
- Student agrees to attend all monthly/bi-monthly meetings:  
 Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> (Info Mtg.) Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Competition)
- Student agrees to attend competitions (Actual Dates TBD):  
 Division 1: february 4-12      Division 2: february 14-22  
 Division 3: february 25-March 5      Division 4: March 7-22 Division 4/final.

**GMS "BATTLE OF THE BOOKS" COMMITMENT FORM 2018-19  
(fill out, sign and return by September 25<sup>th</sup>)**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom/LA Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Student) (Parent)