

Farmington Community Library

2025 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

GRADES 6-8

Battle Date: Friday, April 11, 7 p.m. Team registration due March 28

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community are eligible to participate.





Unplugged by Gordon Korman

As the son of a famous tech billionaire, spoiled Jett Baranov has always gotten what he wanted. So when his father's private jet drops him in the middle of the Arkansas wilderness, at a place called the Oasis, Jett can't believe it. He's forced to hand over his cell phone, eat grainy veggie patties, and participate in wholesome activities with the other kids, who he has no interest in hanging out with. Eventually, Jett gets used to the unplugged life and even bonds with the other kids over their discovery of a baby-lizard-turned-pet, Needles. But he can't help noticing that the adults at the Oasis are acting really strange. Jett is determined to get to the bottom of things, but can he convince everybody that he is no longer just a spoiled brat who's making trouble?



A Rover's Story by Jasmine Warga

Resilience was built to explore Mars. He was not built to have human emotions. But as he learns new things from the NASA scientists who assemble him, he begins to develop humanlike feelings. Human emotions or not, launch day comes, and Res blasts off to Mars, accompanied by a friendly drone helicopter named Fly. But Res quickly discovers that Mars is a dangerous place filled with dust storms and giant cliffs. As he navigates Mars's difficult landscape, Res is tested in ways that go beyond space exploration.



Ghost Squad by Claribel Ortega

For Lucely Luna, ghosts are more than just the family business. Shortly before Halloween, Lucely and her best friend, Syd, cast a spell that accidentally awakens malicious spirits, wreaking havoc throughout St. Augustine. Together, they must join forces with Syd's witch grandmother, Babette, and her tubby tabby, Chunk, to fight the haunting head-on and reverse the curse to save the town and Lucely's firefly spirits before it's too late.



Anzu and the Realm of Darkness by Mai Nguyen

Anzu has just moved to a new town during Obon, a time for families to celebrate their ancestors. Ever since her obaachan died, though, Obon has lost its magic. While avoiding the festivities, Anzu spots a stray dog on the street. But when she chases after it, she falls down a ridge, losing consciousness. When she awakes, she's in Yomi, the Shinto underworld, a place she's only heard about in Obaachan's stories. The stray dog is actually the Gatekeeper of Yomi, and he warns her to return to the human realm before it's too late. Only, getting home is not so simple. Faced with the nefarious Queen Izanami of Yomi and creatures she'd once thought weren't real, the race against the clock is on. She must break a curse, free the spirits of other lost children, and reach the gate home before sunrise…or be stuck in Yomi forever.