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My child (first and last name) \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the AHPL 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Battle of the Books and will be able to attend the final Battle on Thursday, March 12, 2020 should their team move on to the Final.

Parent/Guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this permission slip to school by **Friday, January 31, 2020.**

Parents/Guardians – signing above means: I hereby consent to and authorize the Auburn Hills Public Library to display and/or publish photographs/video taken of my child while participating in the 2020 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Battle of the Books in Library publications (including the Library's website and social media) and/or to release these photos/video to area media (newspapers and television) for publication or broadcast.

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**ANY QUESTIONS?**

**THINKING ABOUT BEING A COACH?**

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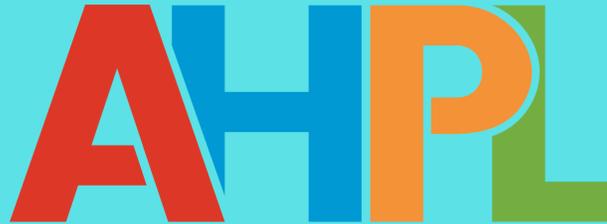
**MONDAY, JANUARY 20 @ 7 PM FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS.**

**NOTE: ANY COACH MUST BE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND ON THE NIGHT OF THE BATTLE TO ACT AS A TABLE MONITOR.**

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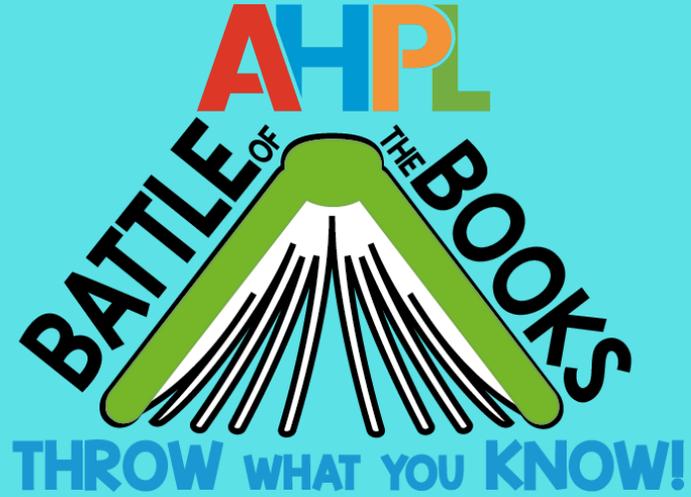
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**YOUR INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN**



**4th Grade**

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**THURSDAY,  
MARCH 12, 2020  
@ 6:00 PM  
AUBURN HILLS  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

## ABOUT BATTLE

### What is Battle?

Battle of the Books is a reading competition open to any fourth grader who attends an Avondale elementary school, Rogers Elementary or Oakland Christian School. Students create teams of 4-6 members and read from a selected list of 4 titles (see right). These books will be available both at the school libraries and the Auburn Hills Public Library.

### How Does it Work?

Each school may send one team to the final Battle. Schools will conduct a pre-Battle to familiarize students with the Battle format and to see which lucky team will represent their school. The final Battle will be held to determine which team is the most knowledgeable about the books they've read.

### How to Sign Up?

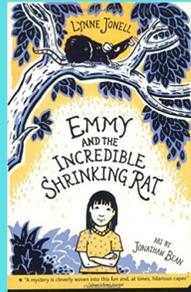
Students who are interested in participating should have a parent/guardian fill out the permission slip at the back of this brochure. Children should decide who will be part of their team, what their team name will be, and who can act as Team Coach (parent/guardian/adult). Team Registration forms will be available at the AHPL and school Media Centers for Team Coaches to fill out. **Please have team registration forms and parent permission slips turned in to your school Media Specialist or to the AHPL Youth Desk by Friday, January 31, 2020.**

## 2020 Book List



### Frindle by Andrew Clements

When Nick learns some interesting information about how words are created, suddenly he's got the inspiration for his best plan ever. Who says a pen has to be called a pen? Why not call it...a frindle? Things begin innocently enough, but soon the school is in an uproar. His teacher wants Nick to put an end to all this nonsense, but the funny thing is frindle doesn't belong to Nick anymore. The new word is spreading across the country, and there's nothing Nick can do to stop it.



### Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat by Lynne Jonell

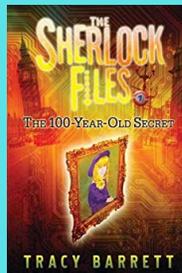
Emmy was a good girl. At least she tried very hard to be good. She did her homework without being told. She ate all her vegetables, even the slimy ones. And she never talked back to her nanny, Miss Barmy, although it was almost impossible to keep quiet—some days. Honestly, Emmy really was a little too good. Which is why she liked to sit by the Rat. The Rat was not good at all...



### How to Steal a Dog by Barbara O'Connor

Georgina Hayes is desperate. Ever since her father left and they were evicted from their apartment, her family has been living in their car. With her mama juggling two jobs and trying to make enough money to find a place to live, Georgina is stuck looking after her younger brother, Toby. And she has her heart set on improving their situation.

When Georgina spots a missing-dog poster with a reward of five hundred dollars, the solution to all her problems suddenly seems within reach. All she has to do is "borrow" the right dog and its owners are sure to offer a reward. What happens next is the last thing she expected.



### The 100-Year-Old Secret by Tracy Barrett

Xena and Xander Holmes have just discovered they're related to Sherlock Holmes and have inherited his unsolved casebook! The siblings set out to solve the cases their famous ancestor couldn't, starting with the mystery of a prized painting that vanished more than a hundred years ago. Can two smart twenty-first-century kids succeed where Sherlock Holmes could not?

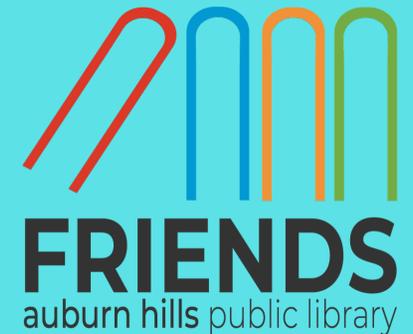
## PRIZE INFO

**1st Place** - \$10 Target gift card (each), individual medals, and team name engraved onto 4th grade Battle of the Books trophy to be kept at winning team's school for the next year

**2nd Place** - \$5 Target gift card (each), commemorative medals.

All other teams participating in the final Battle receive commemorative medals & **all participants receive certificates.**

## The 2020 AHPL Battle of the Books is sponsored by



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