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### **Northville District Library's BOTB 2023 at Northville High School huge success**

Northville, MI: This year's Battle of the Books (BOTB) saw an increase in the total number of students and teams participating but with the same intensity as past years. Unsurprisingly, BOTB was exciting, loud, fast, and full of puns as Northville District Library's (NDL) Teen Librarian Natalie Molnar once again led the event as master of ceremonies: "Battle was a blast! It was great to see numbers up from the last two years, and we're all excited to see it only get better and better in years to come!"

Tweens and teens from Northville were busy, from December 2022 to earlier this month, reading seven books specially selected by librarians. This task prepared them to answer a variety of trivia-style questions regarding the seven books' characters, locations, stories, and themes with correct answers earning points for the teams. The big event took place at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at Northville High School. Out of 22 teams emerged the victors: 1<sup>st</sup> place went to The Bibliophiles; 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to The Librarians; and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place was the Lucky Librarians. Congratulations to our winning teams and many thanks to all students who attended and made the event a great success. NDL also wishes to convey heartfelt thanks to the families of Northville students who participated, the many volunteers who contributed and helped run the event, the Friends of the Northville District Library for sponsoring, and Northville High School for hosting the event.

NDL has been hosting Battle of the Books for almost two decades. It is a fun and competitive challenge incentivizing reading for Northville students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Teams are typically comprised of at least two members and up to a maximum of six members. An adult is required to act as the contact between the team and the Library for the duration of the event. Student teams compete against each other to determine who knows the most when it comes to the selection of seven books that vary each year, and to win prizes. Teams then determine how they want to prepare and strategize for the BOTB event by reading all seven books, assigning a book to each team member, or some variation.

The seven books that BOTB questions were based on this year are:

- Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians, by Brandon Sanderson
- Alone in the Woods, by Rebecca Behrens
- The Emperor's Riddle, by Kat Zhang
- Last Gate of the Emperor, by Kwame Mbalia and Prince Joel Makonnen
- Millionaires for the Month, by Stacy McAnulty
- My Hero Academia: Team Up Missions, Volume 1, by Kohei Horikoshi
- Spirit Hunters, by Ellen Oh



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Copies of the books were provided to teams that registered but are also available for checkout at the Library. Winners and past BOTB selections are listed on NDL's website here: <https://nvillelib.org/NDLBOTB>.

For more information, visit our website at: [northvillelibrary.org](http://northvillelibrary.org) or telephone the Library at 248-349-3020. To learn more about the Friends of the Northville District Library, become a member, or about donating to the Library, please visit this link: <https://bit.ly/FriendsofNDL> or email them at: [northvillelibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:northvillelibraryfriends@gmail.com).



Team: Super Sonic Readers at Battle of the Books 2023 at the Northville High School Cafeteria  
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Battle of the Books 2023 at Northville High School, photo credit: Tony Lowe



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Winning team of Battle of the Books 2023, the Bibliophiles, photo credit: Tony Lowe



The Librarians at the Battle of the Books 2023, won 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Photo credit: Tony Lowe



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3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team: The Lucky Librarians, photo credit: Tony Lowe