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Osceola Students Gearing Up For The Battle Of The Books

The quest towards the reading battle has begun for Osceola students! Once again, the Osceola County School Librarians' Association is sponsoring the Battle of the Books to encourage students to read independently for personal satisfaction from a variety of genres. This marks the fourth year for the annual Battle of the Books, a competition in which third through twelfth grade students answer questions about 15 books they have read. For elementary and middle school students, those books come from the Sunshine State Young Readers list, or in the case of high school students, the Florida Teens Read list. The team that answers the most questions correctly wins the county-wide competition. Elementary students will compete against other elementary students, middle vs. middle, and high school vs. high school.

To prepare, each elementary and middle school picks a four-member team and high schools select five members. The method of choosing the student team members varies from school to school. However, all students will read books from the recommended lists, either Florida Teens Read or Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Nominees. Some schools have multiple teams that compete in mock competitions to choose the students to best represent their school. Additionally, elementary and middle school teams take a Quia test, a random 30 question computer-generated, multiple-choice test that helps to select team members.

School-based Battle of the Book clubs have been meeting since August, and will continue until the final county-wide battle event which will occur on March 5, 2012, at the Kissimmee Civic Center.