

# Reading Olympics 2008-2009



September, 2008

Dear Sixth Graders,

You are invited to participate in the Berks County Middle School Reading Olympics competition. This is an annual event sponsored by the Berks County Librarians Association. Before the competition, we form a team (or teams) of 12-15 students. We read from a list of 45 books (see reverse side of this letter for titles). Each team member reads as many as possible, but no one is responsible for the entire list. We will create a chart to make sure that each book is read by at least one person on the team.

In the spring, our team(s) will attend the competition at Twin Valley Middle School. At the event:

- 2 competing teams will meet in a classroom
- A moderator will ask one of the teams a question about a particular book
- Members of each team will quietly decide on the answer
- The team captain will give the answer
- If correct, that team gets a point
- If incorrect, the other team gets a chance to answer.
- There are three rounds, teams compete against three different teams
- Scorekeepers add the scores from all three rounds to determine the winner
- After snacks, we meet in the auditorium for awards

If you would like to join a 2008-2009 GES Reading Olympics team, please return the form below to Mrs. Gramp by **Sept. 26, 2008**. By signing the form, you are agreeing to contribute to the team by reading at least four books by January 5, 2009. Please be advised that these books may contain mature themes or language, since they are selected for a middle school competition.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Gramp, Librarian  
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Due: Sept. 26, 2008

## Reading Olympics

I am interested in joining a Reading Olympics team. I understand that I should read at least four books by January 5, 2009. I am aware that some of the titles may contain mature themes or language since they are selected for a middle school competition.

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

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

All Alone in the Universe	Perkins	Lynne Rae
Bat 6	Wolff	Virginia Euwer
Because of Anya	Haddix	Margaret Petersen
Big Wander, The	Hobbs	Will
Blood on the River: James Town 1607	Carbone	Elisa
Cracker, The Best Dog in Vietnam	Kadohata	Cynthia
Day They Came to Arrest the Book, The	Hentoff	Nat
Deadly Game of Magic, A	Nixon	Joan Lowery
Death Mountain	Shahan	Sherry
Deep in the Mountains: An Encounter with Zhu Qizhan	Cheng	Terrence
Doing Time Online	Siebold	Jan
Down the Rabbit Hole	Abrahams	Peter
Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie	Sonnenblick	Jordan
Ender's Game	Card	Orson Scott
Freak the Mighty	Philbrick	W. Rodman
Guts	Paulsen	Gary
Heat	Lupica	Mike
Hoot	Hiaasen	Carl
House of the Red Fish	Salisbury	Graham
Inkheart	Funke	Cornelia
Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life	Mass	Wendy
Kids at Work	Freedman	Russell
Lighthouse Land, The	McKinty	Adrian
Lost Years of Merlin, The	Barron	T.A.
Mick Harte Was Here	Park	Barbara
Mister Monday	Nix	Garth
Mysterious Benedict Society, The	Stewart	Trenton Lee
Numbering the Bones	Rinaldi	Ann
Point Blank: An Alex Rider Adventure	Horowitz	Anthony
Rocket Boys (October Sky)	Hickam	Homer
Rosa Parks: My Story	Parks	Rosa
Running Out of Time	Haddix	Margaret
Shades of Gray	Reeder	Carolyn
Shield of Stars	Bell	Hilari
Silent to the Bone	Konigsburg	E.L.
Singularity	Sleator	William
Stargirl	Spinelli	Jerry
Stepping on the Cracks	Hahn	Mary Downing
Tangerine	Bloor	Edward
Thief Lord	Funke	Cornelia
Things Not Seen	Clements	Andrew
True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, The	Avi	
Truesight	Stahler	David
Whirligig	Fleischman	Paul
Wreckers, The	Lawrence	Iain