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Fourth graders throughout Clallam County are invited to participate in the North Olympic Library System's (NOLS) Battle of the Books program for 2020-21. From November-March, participants will read five books (available at NOLS) and discuss them at meetings on Zoom. In March, participants can test their memory at a fun event featuring trivia questions about the books. Online, participants will find discussion questions, activities, and title read-alikes to help expand their experience.

Register at www.nols.org/battle-of-the-books, to receive the Zoom information and a set of all five books to read and add to your home library. A limited number of books sets will be available, but titles are also available for checkout in multiple formats (including audiobook) in the NOLS catalog. This season's Battle of the Books titles are: *Stella Díaz Has Something to Say* by Angela Dominguez, *Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar, *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang, *The Season of Styx Malone* by Kekla Magoon, and *Aru Shah and the End of Time* by Roshani Chokshi.

Zoom Book Discussion Schedule:

Wednesday, November 18, 4pm, *Stella Díaz Has Something to Say* by Angela Dominguez
Wednesday, December 16, 4pm, *Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar
Wednesday, January 20, 4pm, *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang
Wednesday, February 17, 4pm, *The Season of Styx Malone* by Kekla Magoon

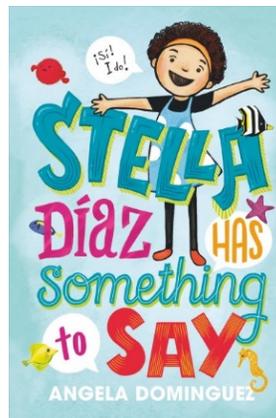
Wednesday, March 17, 4pm, *Aru Shah and the End of Time* by Roshani Chokshi

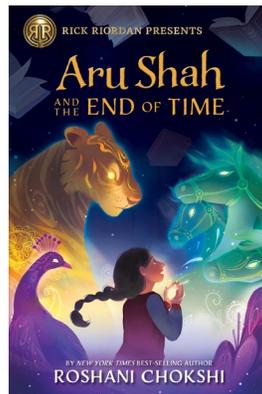
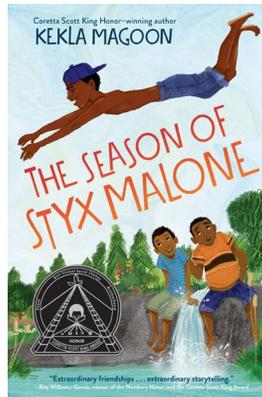
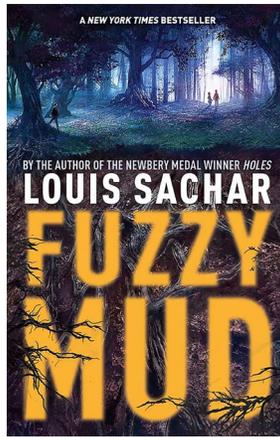
About Battle of the Books

An annual tradition on the Olympic Peninsula since 2013, Battle of the Books is designed to encourage reading, expose kids to a wide range of genres, inspire teamwork, and to help students build a home library. Based on several other Battle of the Books competitions offered regionally and throughout the country, the program in Clallam County has its own flavor.

“Battle of the Books is one of our favorite programs at the library,” said Jennifer Knight, Youth Services Librarian. “We love connecting with fourth graders from throughout the county, discussing the books, and helping spark an interest in reading. Over the years, we’ve heard so many great stories from kids, parents, and teachers--we love working with schools, kids and families.” She adds, “Although this year will definitely be different, we’re excited to offer something, and to encourage kids to pick up some of these great titles.”

This program is generously funded by Friends of the Library Groups. For more information about this and other events and services for youth, visit www.nols.org, call 360.417.8500, or email Youth@nols.org.





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