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Team members from the Marilla Free Library took the Gold Medal at the *Battle of the Books* competition on Saturday. The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System sponsored the 14th annual *Battle of the Books* event which brought 500 spectators rooting for their library teams to the South Campus of Erie Community College.

In total 33 teams, representing 17 different Buffalo and Erie County Public Libraries, showed their quick wit by answering challenging trivia questions from five pre-selected books they read. Teams comprised of kids entering grades six through nine spent many months in study sessions to prepare for the Battle competition.

Marilla Free Library's Team # 1 took first place and Clarence Public Library Team #1 took second place. Marilla's team members were: Kirsti Aylor, Katie Blair, Kimberly Buehlmann, Julia Hartloff, Christian Huels, David Owczarczak, Karson Reumann and Kayla Reumann. Coaches were Cathryn Urquhart and Marilla Library Director Shannon Jakubowski. Assistant coaches were Kaiti Aylor, Brett Christensen, Michael Green and Marina Huel.

Second place finishers from Clarence Team #1 were coached by librarian David Fairlie and his wife Donna. Members were: Russel Bassarath, Abigail Buckley, Sarah Cahlstadt, Emma Cremean, Emily Ford, Erin Gregoire and Jarod Yap.

This year's books were: *Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer* by John Grisham- the kids choice selection, *Peeled* by Joan Bauer, *No Passengers Beyond This Point* by Gennifer Choldenko, *Mysterious Howling* by Maryrose Wood and *Death Cloud* by Andrew Lane.

Participating teams represented the following Libraries:

Amherst Public Libraries

Aurora Town Public Library

Boston Free Library

Cheektowaga Public Libraries

City of Tonawanda Public Library

Clarence Public Library

Concord Public Library

Eden Library

Elma Public Library

Grand Island Memorial Library

Hamburg Public Library

Lackawanna Public Library

Lancaster Public Library

Marilla Free Library

Newstead Public Library

North Collins Public Library

Orchard Park Public Library

Town of Tonawanda Public Libraries

West Seneca Public Library

Battle of the Books is just one of the many Summer Reading initiatives for the entire community. For more information about all of the free library services, materials, programs and events, visit your neighborhood Buffalo & Erie County Public Library or our website at: www.BuffaloLib.org, Follow us on facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/buffalolibrary.central#!> .

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