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LANCASTER PUBLIC LIBRARY WINS *BATTLE OF THE BOOKS* TEEN READING COMPETITION

Second Year Lancaster Public Library Team Takes the Gold for Reading Trivia Contest

Youth readers from the **Lancaster Public Library** won the 2022 ***Battle of the Books***, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System's exciting annual summer reading trivia competition. For the second year, the final Battle rounds were held virtually.

The winning team from Lancaster included students ages 11 - 14: Stephanie C., Emma D., Lily D., Carrie K. and Carson S. They were coached by Michael Green.

The runner-up team from the Town of Tonawanda's Kenmore Branch Library were Jade M., Evey S., Josie C., Simon R. and Joe R. Coached by Jill Jablonski, team members were ages 11 – 13.

Library teams were from:

- Boston Free Library
- Downtown Central Library
- Elma Public Library
- Grand Island Memorial Library
- Lancaster Public Library
- Newstead Public Library
- Orchard Park Public Library
- Town of Tonawanda Public Library – Kenmore Branch

Battle of the Books features dedicated teams students entering the sixth through ninth grades. They all read the same pre-selected books and spend many weeks and hours practicing challenging trivia questions pertaining to each book before the big *Battle* showdowns. This year's selected titles were *Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden; *A Face Like Glass* by Frances Hardinge, and *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang. This year's competition also featured an art contest based on the book *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs. Isis (Cat) W. from Newstead was the Drawing winner, while Elizabeth W. from the Central Library was runner-up. Joe R. from Kenmore won the Photography category. Kenmore's Marcus M. was runner-up. Final scores can be found on the Central Library Facebook page here: <https://fb.watch/eMLbgSrQVQ/>.

Battle of the Books is part of the New York State Summer Reading initiative *Oceans of Possibilities*. Summer Reading is sponsored by National Grid, Rich Products, The Buffalo News and Western New York Family Magazine. For more information on childrens and teen programs, call 716-858-8900 or visit the Library System website www.BuffaloLib.org or [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), [Pinterest](#) and [SoundCloud](#). ###