



## Tumalo Elementary School

### Oregon Battle of Books 2020-2021

The Oregon Battle of the Books is a voluntary program. OBOB welcomes students in grades 3-5. The titles are selected with the reading level and maturity of 4th and 5th graders in mind and are not selected by our district. You may feel that the content and/or theme of one or two of these titles are inappropriate for your child. We recommend that you read and discuss these books with your child. A book that stretches a child's thinking is a great opportunity to discuss world events and your family's values. Please check the boxes next to the books that you give your child permission to read. Your child does not need to read all of the titles in order to participate, although questions from each title may be asked during battles.

- Before They Were Authors* by Elizabeth Haidle** - An exciting debut in graphic novel format tells the childhood stories of literary legends including Maya Angelou, Roald Dahl, and Sandra Cisneros.
- Bob* by Wendy Mass & Rebecca Stead** - A classic middle-grade tale of magic and friendship, about a girl who helps an old friend find home, by two New York Times-bestselling authors. It's been five years since Livy and her family have visited Livy's grandmother in Australia.
- A Boy Called Bat* by Elana K. Arnold** - The first book in a funny, heartfelt, and irresistible middle grade series starring an unforgettable young boy on the autism spectrum.
- Changeling* by William Ritter** - Set in a magical world filled with incredible creatures from folklore, this fast paced fantasy will keep readers turning the pages. This is the series opener.
- The Dragonet Prophecy* by Tui T. Sutherland** - The seven dragon tribes have been at war for generations, locked in an endless battle over an ancient, lost treasure. A secret movement called the Talons of Peace is determined to bring an end to the fighting, with the help of a prophecy. First book in the Wings of Fire series.
- El Deafo* by Cece Bell** - Starting at a new school is scary, even more so with a giant hearing aid strapped to your chest! At her old school, everyone in Cece's class was deaf. Here she is different. She is sure the kids are staring at the Phonic Ear, the powerful aid that will help her hear her teacher.
- Fatty Legs* by Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret Pokiak-Fenton** - Desperate to learn to read, 8-year-old Olemaun badgers her father to let her leave her island home to go to the residential school for Inuit children in Aklavik, in Canada's far north. There she encounters a particularly mean nun who renames her Margaret but cannot "educate" her into submission.
- Front Desk* by Kelly Yang** - Loosely based on Kelly Yang's experience growing up as an immigrant in America, this powerful, moving tale highlights the importance of tolerance and diversity, making it a must-read for kids.

- ❑ ***The Night Fairy* by Laura Amy Schlitz** - Flory, a young night fairy no taller than an acorn and still becoming accustomed to her wings - wings as beautiful as those of a luna moth - is about to find out what life is like without them.
- ❑ ***Nine Ten: A September 11 Story* by Nora Raleigh Baskin** - Follows four middle school-age kids in different regions of the United States during the two days leading up to the 9/11 terror attacks and the day itself.
- ❑ ***Power Forward* by Hena Khan** - Fourth grader Zayd Saleem has some serious hoop dreams. He's not just going to be a professional basketball player. He's going to be a star.
- ❑ ***Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden** - A creepy, spellbinding ghost story destined to become a classic. After suffering a tragic loss, eleven-year-old Ollie only finds solace in books.
- ❑ ***Space Case* by Stuart Gibbs** - It's a murder mystery on the moon in this humorous and suspenseful space adventure.
- ❑ ***Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* by Kelly Jones** - Moving to the farm her family inherited from Great Uncle Jim, Sophie Brown, twelve, discovers a flyer from a local poultry purveyor promoting its "unusual chickens" and quickly discovers that it is NOT false advertising.
- ❑ ***The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street* by Karina Yan Glaser** - The Vanderbeeker's grumpy landlord fails to renew the lease on their Harlem brownstone. The five siblings plot to learn his secrets and win him over. It is the first book in The Vanderbeekers series.
- ❑ ***A Wolf Called Wander* by Rosanne Parry** - This gripping novel about survival and family is based on the real story of one wolf's incredible journey to find a safe place to call home.

**Due to Covid-19, the 2020-2021 Regional and State Competitions have been cancelled. Our plan is to have a Tumalo School Championship.**

**I give permission for my child to participate in OBOB and read the titles that I have checked above.**

---

Print student's first and last name

---

Parent Signature

**Oregon Battle of the books is run completely by volunteers through the Oregon Association of School Libraries (OASL) and funded partially through the Library Services and Technology Act, LSTA.**

**For more information please refer to the [OBOB website](http://oregonbattleofthebooks.org): [oregonbattleofthebooks.org](http://oregonbattleofthebooks.org).**