

## 5th and 6th Grade Battle of the Books 2024–2025

Book	Author	Description
The Blackthorn Key (Blackthorn Key, Book 1) (Fantasy/Mystery)	Kevin Sands	In 1665 London, fourteen-year-old Christopher Rowe, apprentice to an apothecary, and his best friend Tom try to uncover the truth behind a mysterious cult, following a trail of puzzles, codes, pranks, and danger toward an unearthly secret with the power to tear the world apart.
Doll Bones (Adventure/Fantasy)	Holly Black	Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends from a Pennsylvania middle school who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.
Coraline (Graphic Novel/Fantasy)	Neil Gaiman	Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.
The Crossover (Book 1) (Realistic Fiction/ Novels in Verse)	Kwame Alexander	Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's library (Mr. Lemoncello's Library, Book 1) (Adventure/Mystery)	Chris Grabenstein	Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous game maker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape
Game changers (Game Changers, Book 1) (Realistic Fiction)	Mike Lupica	When the coach's son, Shawn O'Brien, is chosen to play quarterback, eleven-year-old Ben McBain is not surprised—but when he tries to be a good teammate and help the inconsistent Shawn, he is startled to learn that his new friend does not really want the position.
Hidden (Adventure/ Novels in Verse)	Helen Frost	Years after Darra Monson's father stole a minivan with Wren Abbott hiding in the back, the girls come face to face at summer camp and together they try to work through what happened to them and the impact it had on their lives.
Ungifted (Realistic Fiction)	Gordon Korman	Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.