

Battle of the Books:

Partnering to Promote
the **Love** of Reading

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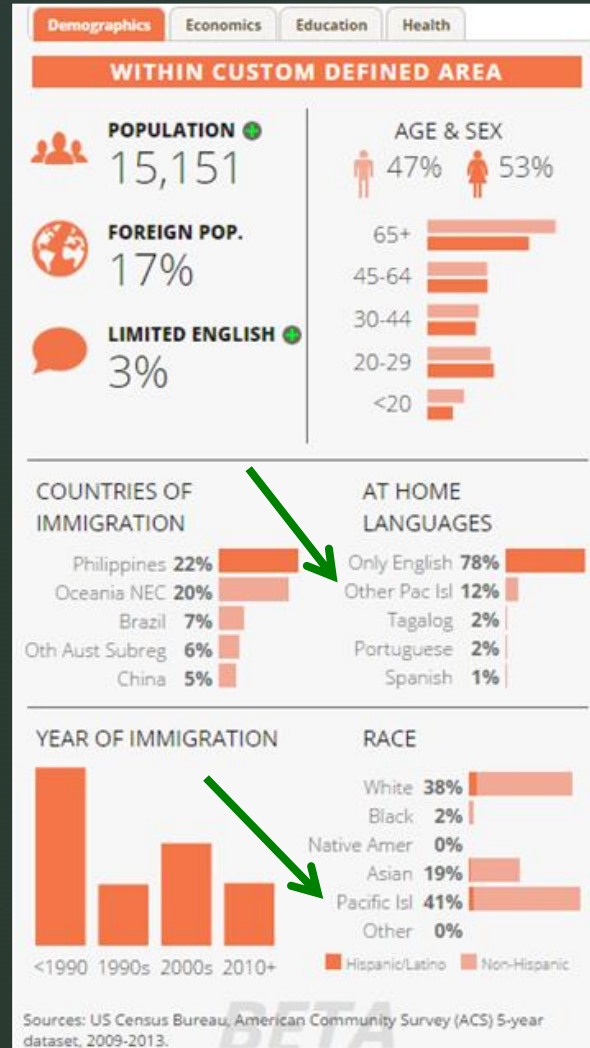
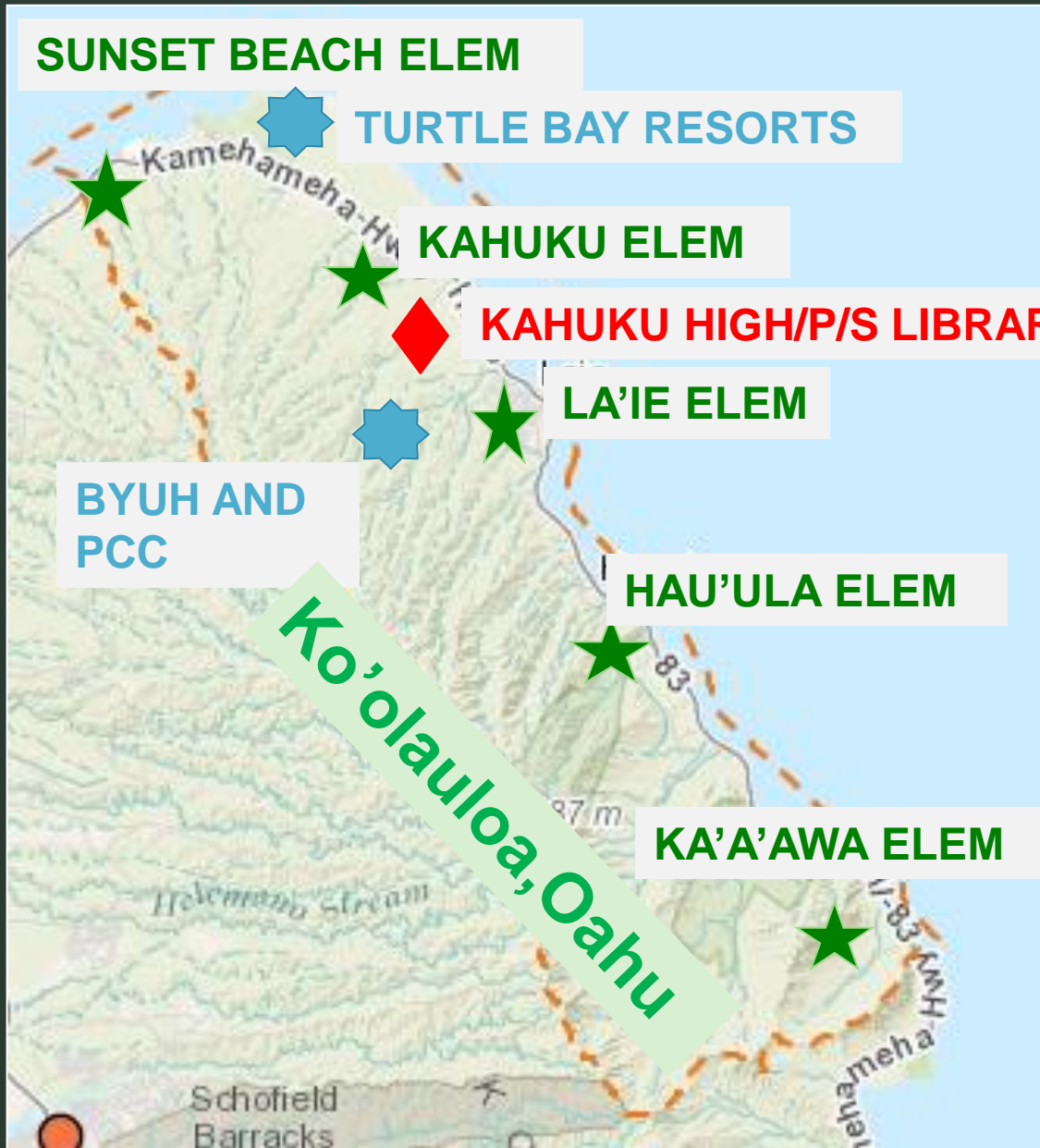
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Session Overview

- **Community**
- **Program**
- **Sustainability**
- **Starting Up**
- **Mini-Battle**



Community

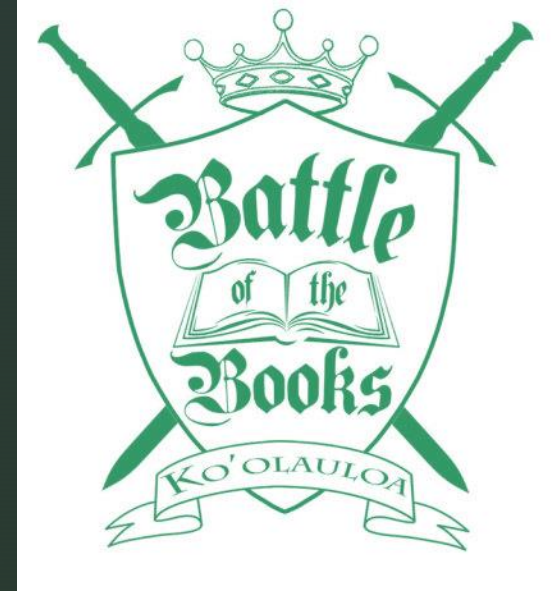


COMMUNITY ASSETS

- Sports (competitive team activities) revered
- Tight – knit / word of mouth promotion
- Stay-at-home parents
- Distance from afterschool educational activities
- Regional grant availability
- 2 Immersion schools/Strong cultural awareness

**QUIZ-BOWL
TYPE
READING
COMPETITION**

***organized by
public library***



- **Afterschool**
- **Teams**
- **Reading Lists**
- **3 divisions**
 - **1st and 2nd grade**
 - **3rd and 4th grade**
 - **5th and 6th grade**

Program

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SEPT

OCT

NOV

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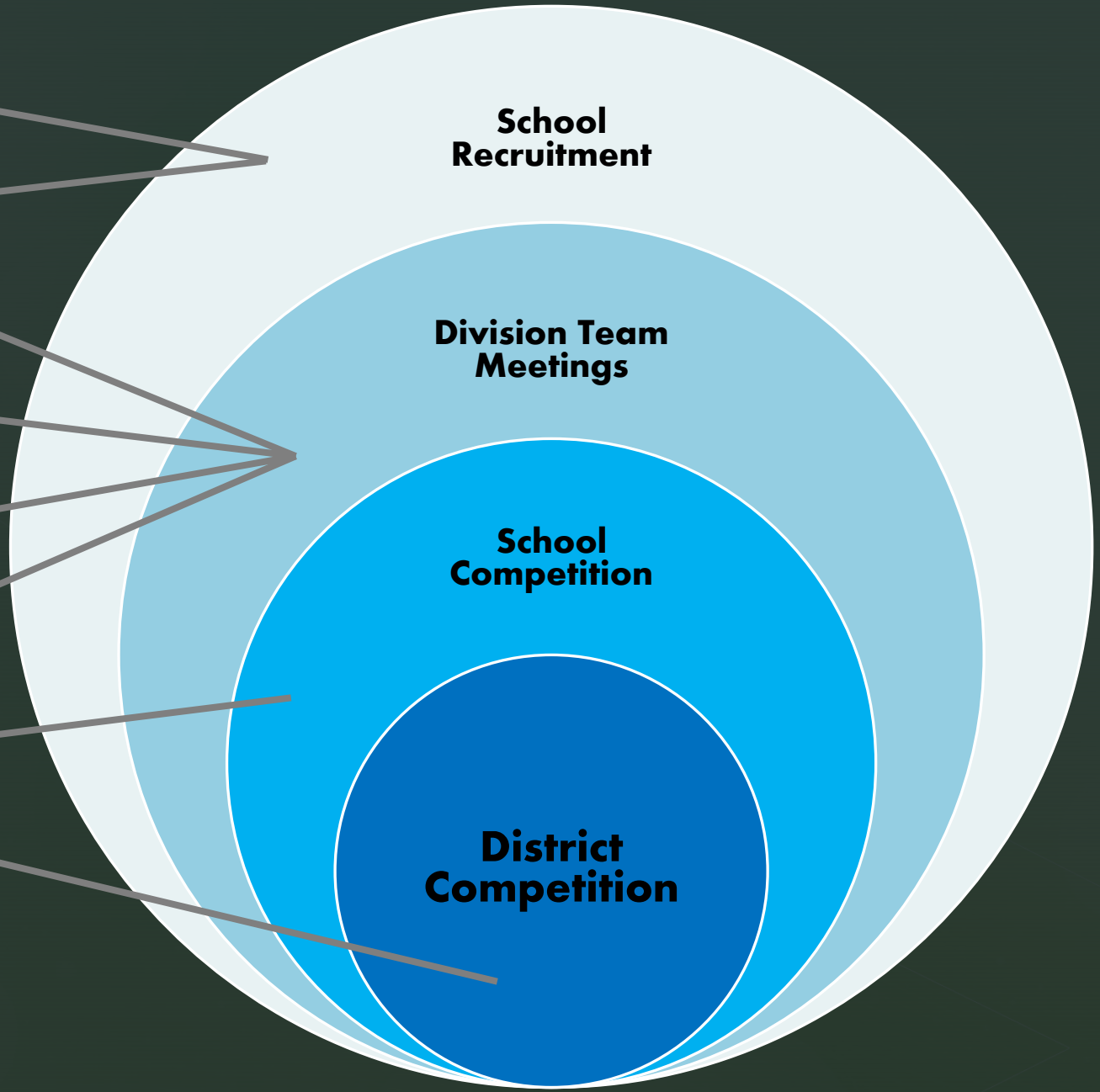
JAN

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MAY



Reading List released for the next school year

Program



Program



- Convincing the principals, school librarians, and teachers
- Objections to Books
- Cost of Purchasing Books
- Question Creation/Formatting

Program



1st Year Results

100 + students participated at the school level

70 students competed at the district level

3 public schools and 1 homeschool group

Program



Photo Credit: Dante Diaz



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2nd year results

150+ Students participated at school wide level

80 Students competed at District Competition

4 public schools

Program

[2015 - 2016 Final Battle of the Books Competition](#)

[2016 - 2017 Final Battle of the Books Competition](#)

The screenshot shows the homepage of 'ōleloNet ON DEMAND. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search here...". Below the search bar is the 'ōlelo COMMUNITY MEDIA logo and a navigation menu with links: ABOUT US, TELL YOUR STORY, TUNE IN, LOCATIONS, TRAINING, YOUTH, RESOURCES, and a DONATE button. The main banner features a black and white photo of a young girl with her arms raised, overlaid with the text "ŌLELO NET ON DEMAND" in purple. To the right of the banner are several colorful buttons labeled "49", "53", "54", "55", "ōlelo NET", and "YouTube". Below the banner is a "TELEVISION SCHEDULE" button. The page content includes a breadcrumb trail "HOME > ŌLELO NET ON DEMAND", a welcome message, a search field containing the text "battle of the books", and a "SEARCH" button with a link to "Advanced Search".



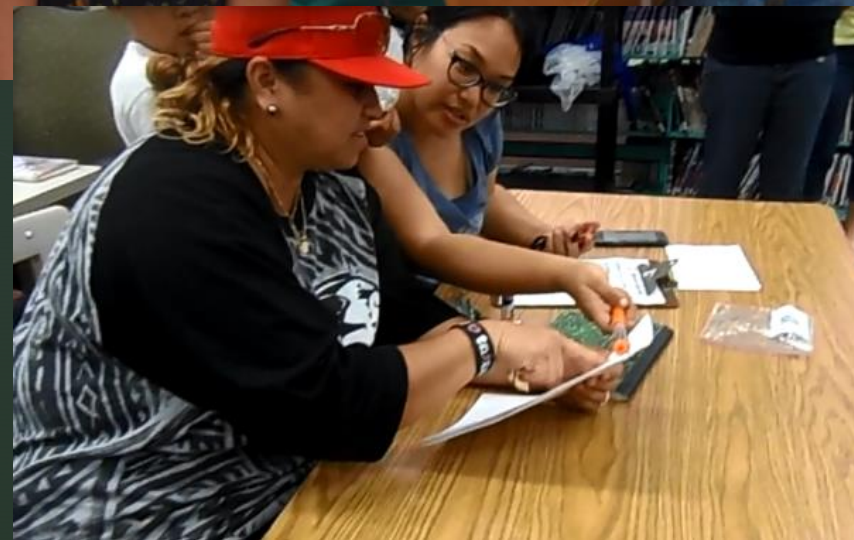
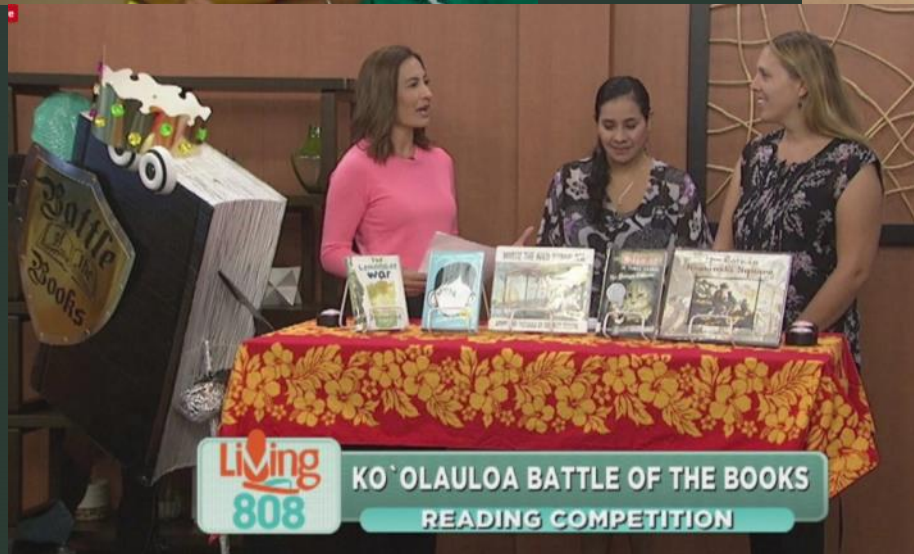
PARTNERS



Public School Power



Parent Power



Principal's Picks

2016-2017 Battle of the Books

Aloha Principals,

Mahalo for selecting one of the books below which will be added as a late addition for the **1st to 2nd—Division 1** Battle of the Books reading list. Your participation is valued and your students will be extra motivated to read with your seal of approval.

Mahalo,

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1st to 2nd—Division 1

Please select one book. Mahalo for your time.



Principal Power

3rd to 4th—Division 2

Please select one book. Mahalo for your time.

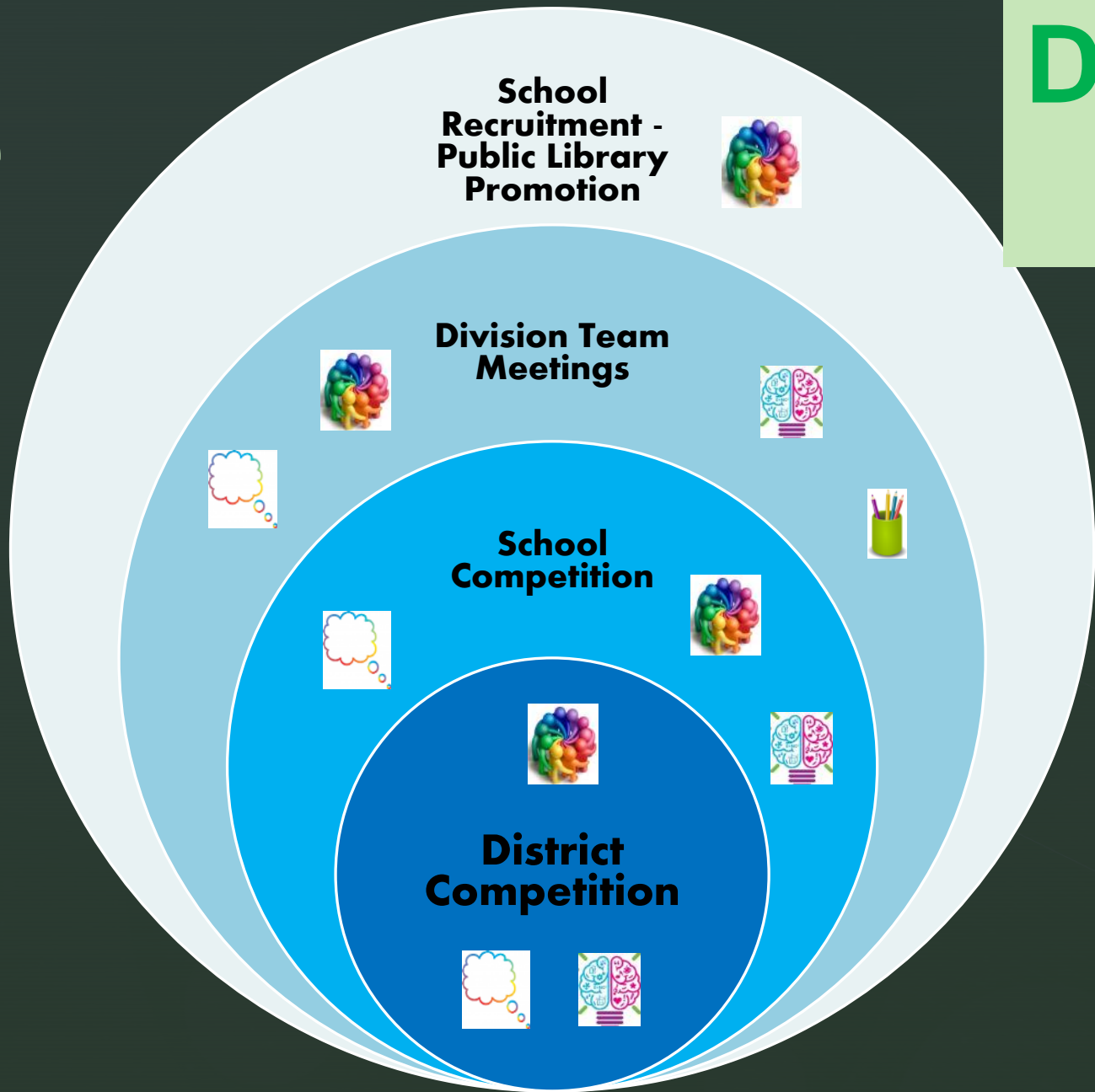


5th to 6th—Division 3

Please select one book. Mahalo for your time.



Sustainability



DEMONSTRATE RELEVANCE

21st CENTURY SKILLS



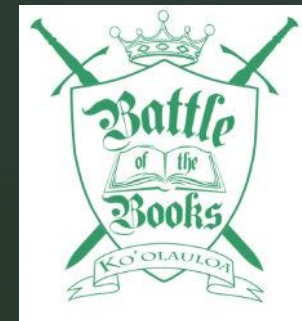
Critical Thinking Collaboration Communication



CUSTOM BOOK LIST

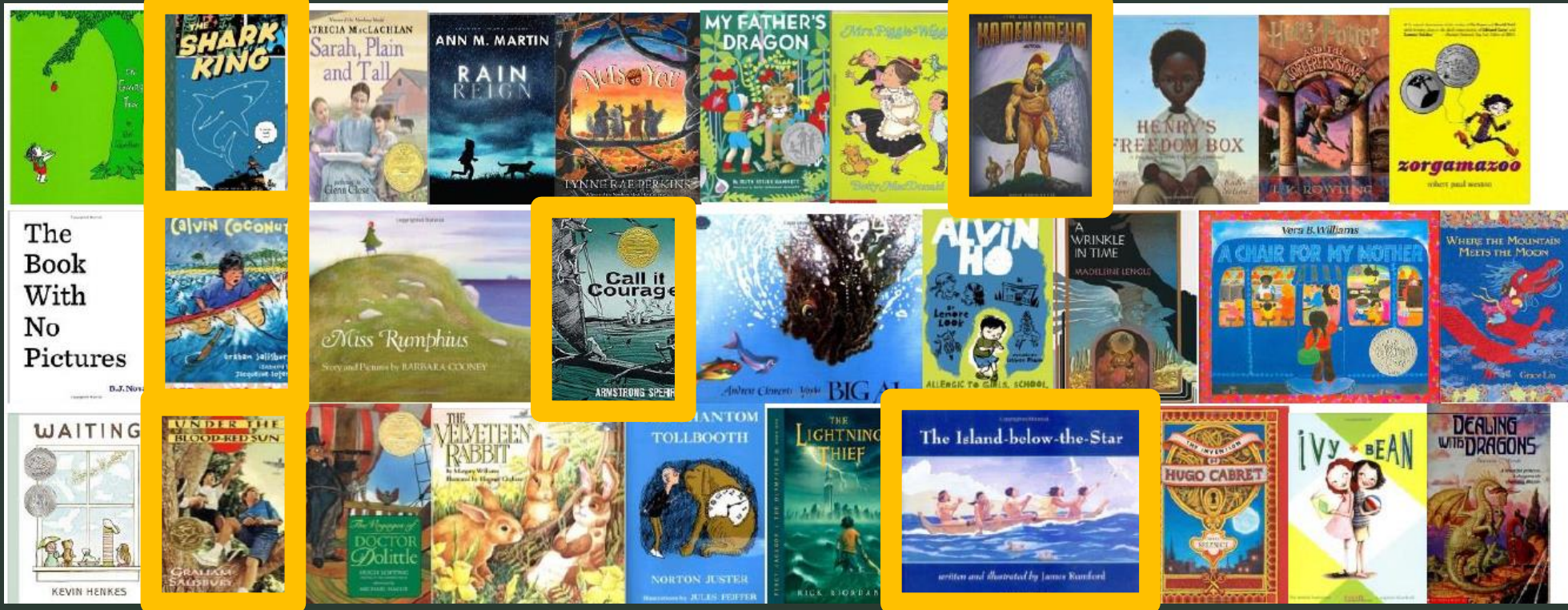


12 books out of 26



14 books out of 26

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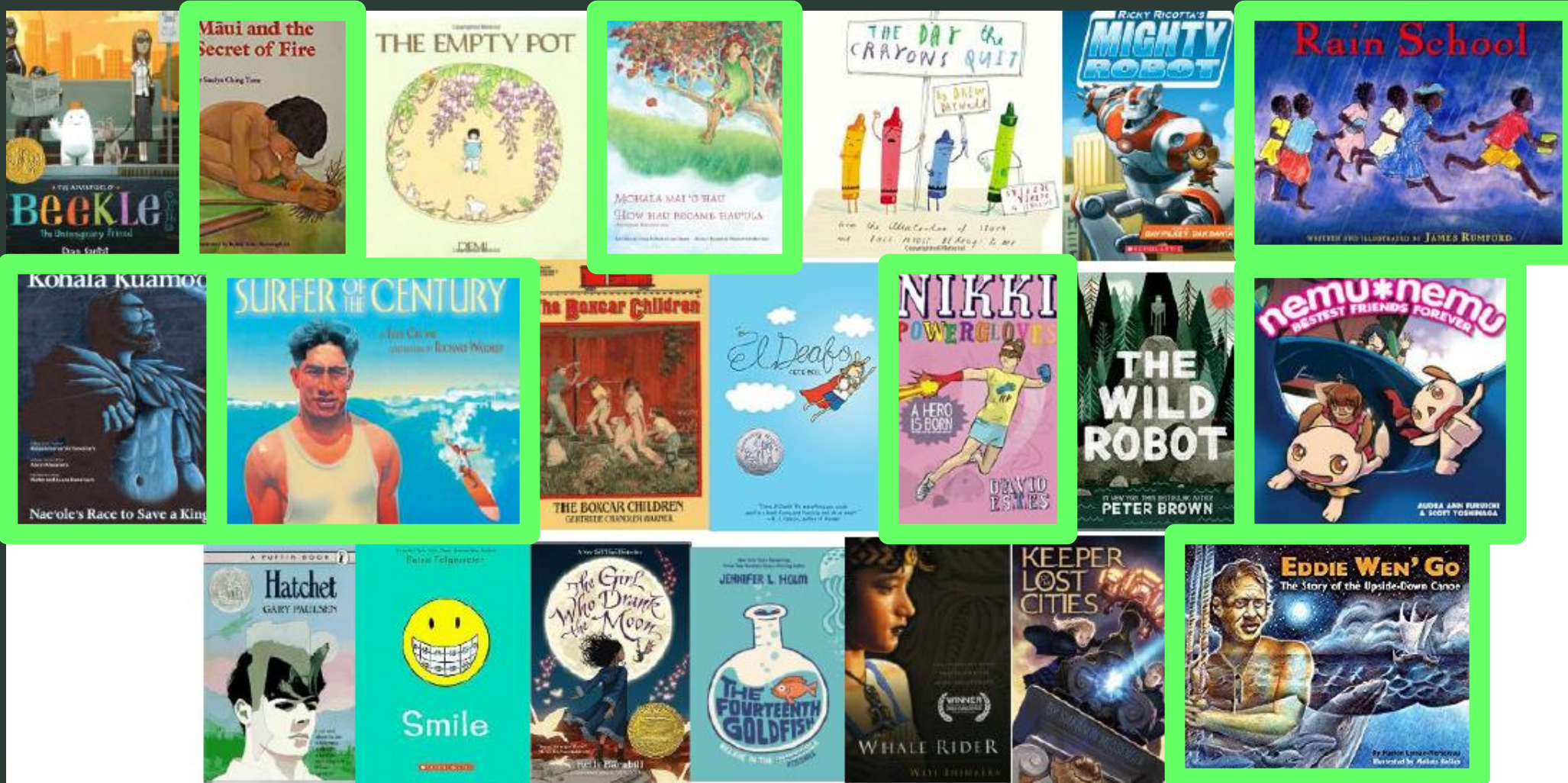
**EVEN
YEARS
LIST**

13 books per division x 3 divisions = 39 books TOTAL

4 local authors - 6 Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

13 America's Battle of the Books List

Sustainability



13 books per division x 3 divisions = 39 books TOTAL

8 local authors - 6 Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

3 Graphic Novels - 2 Bilingual Hawaiian/English Books

9 from America's Battle of the Books (18 from 1st year's list)

**ODD
YEARS
LIST**

WHAT IS YOUR GRADE? _____ SCHOOL? _____

HOW MANY BOOKS DID YOU READ ON YOUR LIST? _____

WHAT WAS THE **BEST PART** OF *BATTLE OF THE BOOKS*? _____

WHAT'S YOUR **FAVORITE BOOK** FROM *BATTLE OF THE BOOKS*? _____

DID *BATTLE OF THE BOOKS* MAKE YOU READ MORE?

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No, not really.	Only a little bit.	Kind of	Yes, it did.	Oh yeah! Way more!

FEEDBACK



2017 Battle of the Books
Volunteer Information

48 Responses



2nd Annual Battle of
the Books Evaluation

16 Responses

Battle of the Books – Reading Habits Survey

Date _____ School _____ Grade _____ Age _____ Boy or Girl

Do you like to read? YES NO

How many books do you have at home? 0 1-5 6-10 10-20 20+

Do you borrow books from your SCHOOL library? YES NO

Do you borrow books from the PUBLIC library? YES NO

How long does it take you to read a book? days weeks months

What's your favorite book? _____

How many times have you read it? _____

Please return to your school librarian. Mahalo!

RESULTS

- 72% said BOB made them want to read more
- 80% read 10 or more books (58% read all 13)

BEST PART

- 48% said competing
- 32% said reading
- 10% said team meetings
- 6% said all of it

Division I– Book With No Pictures
Division II– Lightning Thief
Division III – Where the Mountain
Meets the Moon

PUBLIC LIBRARY RESOURCES



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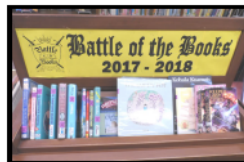
Battle of the Books



What if my school doesn't have the book?

Here are some FREE reading/listening options outside of your school library...

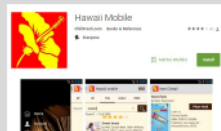
1. The Kahuku Public and School Library will have copies of the Battle of the Books reading list available for 3 week check-out loans. Please see the display near the front door or ask a staff member for help.



2. Find books in other libraries by *requesting or placing a reserve* using the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) website *or* HSPLS app.

librarieshawaii.org

Request books from other libraries and have them delivered to Kahuku Public and School Library for FREE!



3. **OverDrive** Some titles are available via Overdrive, Hawaii State Public Library System's ebooks and audiobooks vendor.
eBooks, Audiobooks & more

4. Project Gutenberg offers over 54,000 free eBooks.



Battle of the Books



What if my school doesn't have the book?

Here are *more* reading/listening options outside of your school library...

5. Purchase an ebook via iBooks or Amazon Kindle or Audible.



6. Visit Na Mea, Kamehameha Press, Barnes and Noble, Book Ends, or Savers.



7. YouTube Video sharing company

Some titles can be found on these video sites. Many include illustration views, too.



Sustainability



Simple ways to get started...

OPTION A

Pay for membership to an established program



\$100/\$275 for school/district level packets



\$45.00/\$50.00 for site/local memberships

Simple ways to get started...

OPTION B - DIY

1. Get a list of books
2. Recruit help / identify partners
3. Write questions about books
4. Practice / hold discussions
5. Hold competition (either team or individual)
 - written or oral
 - buzzers or bells

Mini-Battle

**BREAK
INTO
TEAMS**



1. What is the name of the national program the Ko'olauloa Battle of the Books was modeled after?



2. Name two partners who helped the Battle of the Books program.



3. What methods were used to get principals and schools on board?



4. How many schools are participating in this year's program?



5. How many local authors are featured on the 2017-2018 Battle of the Books Reading List?



6. Which month does the Battle of the Books start?



7. Which grades can participate in the Ko'olauloa Battle of the Books?



8. How was the program changed to become more sustainable?



9. What are some of the benefits of organizing a competitive reading competition?



10. How can other librarians start their own reading competition?

Mahalo for your time.

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Battle of the Books – Making Reading Fun and Exciting

<http://battleofthebooks.com>

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