



Battle of the Books

What we did to switch it up!

How we used to run it

- 250 books to read.
- Library staff did the majority of the prep.
 - Used library volunteers to help with some of the questions.
- All questions were asked with either the author or the book title as the answer.
 - Worked on memorization.

How we changed it!

- We created a partnership with Lakehead University Faculty of Education.
 - They chose half the book list.
 - Helped make questions.
 - Helped decide new format.
 - Assisted with mock battle presentations.

Battle of the Books Questions

Book Title	MC Question	Character	Plot	Quote	True/False
Peter Pan	This is NOT a Lost Boy from Peter Pan: a. Tootles b. Curly c. Rooster d. Nibs	Who drank the poison meant for Peter Pan?	Why did Peter Pan cry? OR why couldn't Wendy fly when she was grown up?	This person said, "I don't want to be a man"	Peter Pan later forgot about Tinker Bell

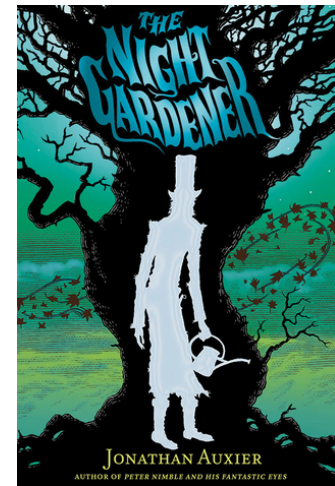
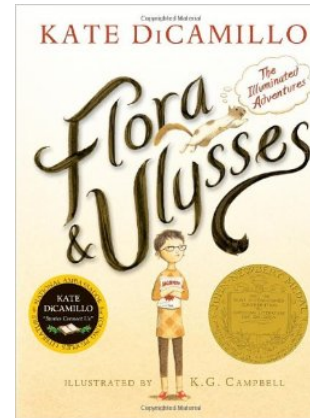
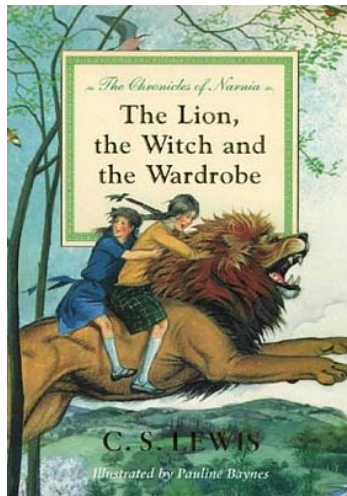
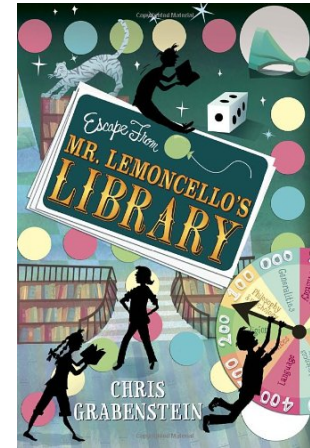
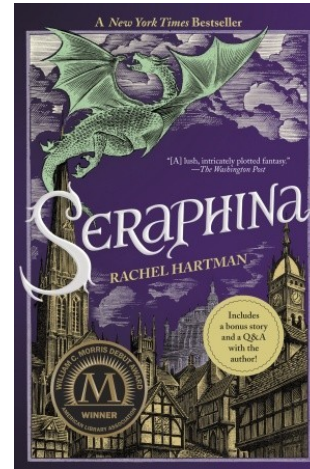
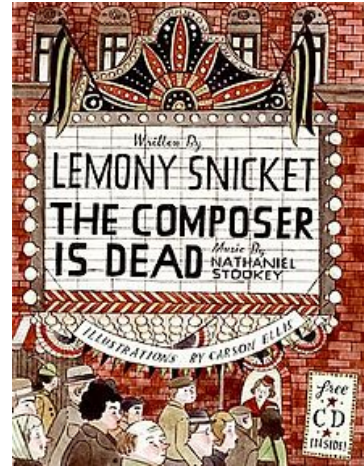
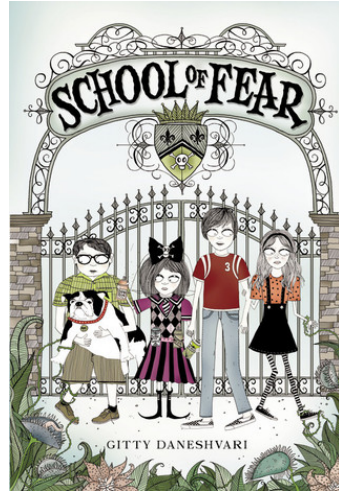
Increased our borders

- Put in a request to the board to allow schools from outside Orillia to participate.

Scaled Down the List

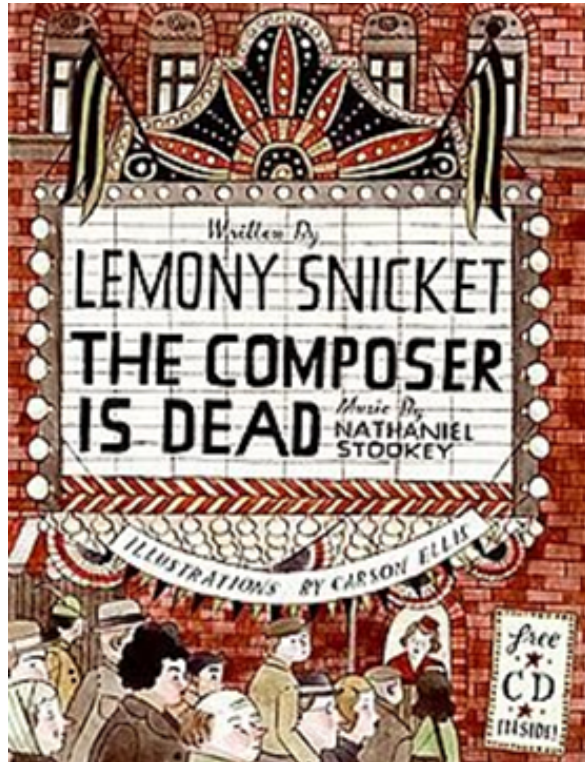
- 100 books!
 - 5 categories
 - Wildcard
 - Canadian
 - Fun and Fantasy
 - Classics
 - Rich Picture Books

Also included audio books!



Introduced the new Plan

- Emailing and then sending out packages to schools.
- Touched base with schools who had not responded.
- Visited interested schools and pitched the new plan to interested students.



Who killed the composer?

A. The violins

B. The tuba

C. Whole orchestra

The percussions

Which characters were performing a waltz when the composer was murdered?

The violins

where can people go who want something interesting?

The orchestra

Which character said, "I'm a confirmed bachelor. I was home all night playing cards with my landlady, the Harp, taking sips of warm milk from a little blue cup."

The tuba

The Inspector interrogated the strings first. True or False?

True

Mock Battles

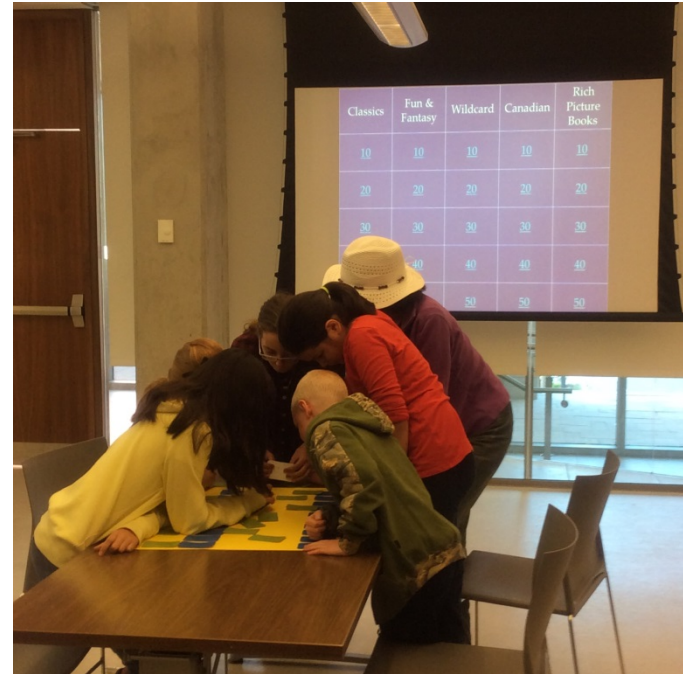
- Took the battles to the students
- 1-2 visits per school
- Used the new format we would be using the day of the battle

Changed how we asked questions

- True/False
- Multiple choice
- Short answer

- Jeopardy
- Who am I (matching)
- Quotes (matching)

- Used a mix of technology and hands on materials.



Quotes

"A spoonful of sugar helps
the medicine go down"

Mary Poppins

"Generally speaking, books
don't cause much harm. Ex-
cept when you read them,
that is. Then they cause all
kinds of problems"

The Name of This Book is
Secret

"I will be brave... No, I am
brave"

Coraline

Who Am I?

In *Escape from Mr. Lemmoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein, this character's nose was always buried in a book?

Sierra

In *I, Amber Brown* by Paula Danziger, Amber writes to this character.

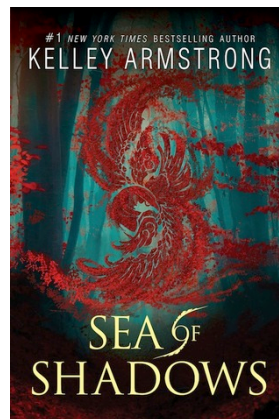
Justin

Rose's foster father in *Pieces of the Past: The Holocaust Diary of Rose Rabinowitz* by Carol Matas.

Saul

Author Visit Excitement

- One of the battle books was a Kelley Armstrong book.
- Skyped with her.
- Built up excitement by letting participants know in advance.



What the day looked like

Round	Jeopardy	Who Am I	Quotes
9:00-9:40	Arrival and banner		
9:40-10:15	Author Visit		
1 10:15-10:35	UP v. CH	HT v. RC	HS v. ND
10:35-11:00	Break	Break	Break
2 11:00-11:25	ND v. RC	HS v. UP	CH v. HT
3 11:25-11:45	HS v. HT	CH v. ND	UP v. RC
4 11:45-12:05	ND v. HT v. UP	HS v. CH v. RC	
Lunch and activity 12:05-1:15			
5 1:15-1:35	HS v. CH v. RC	ND v. HT v. UP	
1:35-2:05	Break/extra time/Scores tallied/activity	Break/extra time	Break/extra time
2:05-2:30	Tie Breaker/ceremony		

Grand Battle!

- Top 2 teams battled each other.
- We sent a blurb to the local newspaper.



How did this change the day?

- Students felt prepared and less stressed.
 - Made it fun.
 - Students had a chance even if they couldn't remember the book.
- New schools to battle felt comfortable.
- Less work for library staff!

What would I change?

- Change the length of some of the matches.
- Change how we utilize the Lakehead students.

Questions?

- Care to share your successes?!