



## Drayton Valley Libraries

P.O. Box 6240 (5120-52 Street) Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1R7

Dear Community Supporter,

Drayton Valley Libraries is looking for local sponsors to support our 24<sup>th</sup> annual Battle of the Books competition. Battle of the Books promotes a love of reading for youth, encourages them to think of their local public library as a resource, and inspires good sportsmanship in an atmosphere of friendly competition.

Battle of the Books is a book-based trivia tournament for youth in grades 3-4 and grades 5-6. It is our hope to expand to a 2-day competition and include grades 7-8 for our 25<sup>th</sup> annual Battle of the Books in 2020, so we are looking to secure sponsors for a new trophy and for guest author participation. Each student reads at least 5 of 20 books and, in teams of 4 with one alternate, demonstrates their knowledge by answering questions in a tournament competition. Local youth build sportsmanship, interpersonal skills, and literacy skills as they work together in their school teams. Teams practice during March and April, culminating in a competition on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. The school with the winning team will receive a trophy to display until February of 2020. The top three teams in grades 3-4 and in grades 5-6 will receive medals. *All* participating students will receive a certificate and attend an author presentation by Iain Reading, author of Dragon of the Month Club and our guest judge! There is no fee for youth to participate.

Many of the local schools hold qualifying competitions to be eligible to go on to represent their school. This year, Drayton Valley Libraries will have 10 – 12 teams with approximately 60 – 80 youth participating, *and* we are bringing in an author as both a guest judge and to do a presentation. Your financial support will help the library promote the event, sponsor the participation of our guest author, purchase additional books, provide lunch and refreshments for all participants and volunteers, update the plaques for the trophy, and purchase team medals and prizes. Sponsors will be gratefully acknowledged at the event, on The Drayton Valley Library website, in press releases, and social media related to the event. Any support you may give would be greatly appreciated.

Tax receipts are available for donations of \$20.00 or more. Please send your cheque payable to **Drayton Valley Libraries** to P.O. Box 6240, Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1R7

**Imagine ~ Engage ~ Explore ~ Discover!**

Battle of the Books relies on sponsorships made by local businesses and organizations. Please consider supporting our library mission to encourage the youth in our community to *imagine* and *engage* as they *explore* and *discover* wonderful literature and a love of reading. Please feel free to contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Your generosity will go a long way to give youth in Drayton Valley and Brazeau County an opportunity to succeed outside of school and sports, and have fun reading! Thank you in advance for supporting the youth in our community and your local library.

Sincerely,

*Darlene Edwards*

**Battle of the Books Chair**

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