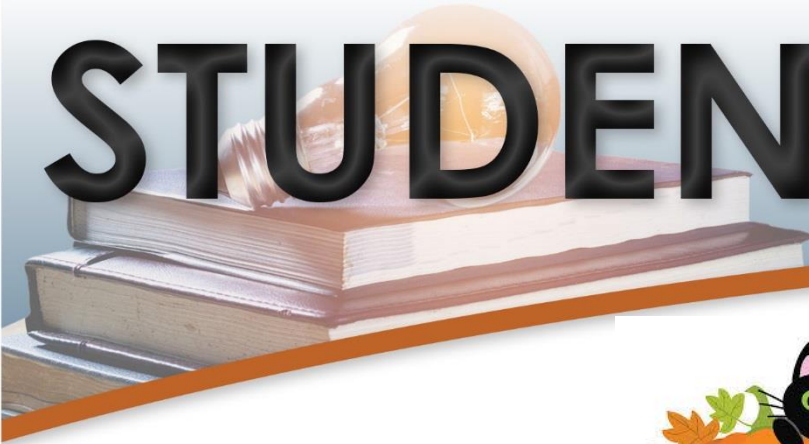




# STUDENT NEWS



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## Happy Fall, Students!

Another summer of reading has come to an end, but we had a blast partnering with the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) for some awesome events, including author talks that were funny, empowering, and heartwarming. Hopefully you were able to attend the events, and we definitely plan to do it again next summer. We also had weekly raffles for Amazon gift cards, as well as activities you could do at home. We had 46 students participate this year!

Thank you to everyone who challenged themselves to reach their reading goals. Great job! And now it's time to announce the 2023 Summer Reading Program winners...

### Grand Prize: Isabelle Robinson

Congratulations, Isabelle! We hope you enjoy your new iPad!

### Runner-up: Naveen Edmiston

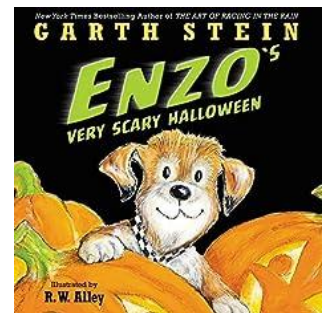
Congratulations, Naveen! We hope you have fun with your karaoke machine!



## Halloween Haunts for Fall!

### Enzo's Very Scary Halloween by Garth Stein. [DBC15795](#).

When Halloween comes around, Enzo doesn't know what to expect. Jack-o-lanterns light up the streets, giant spiders weave webs on porches, and ordinary lawns become creepy graveyards while every child and dog transforms into a creature of some kind - including Enzo! For preschool to grade 2.



Karma Moon, Ghosthunter by Melissa Savage. [DB11255](#). While in a haunted Colorado hotel for her father's ghost-hunting television series, Karma Moon must battle her anxiety, interpret the signs of the universe, and get footage of a real ghost! Horror. For grades 3-6.

Wake the Bones by Elizabeth Kilcoyne. [DB110552](#). When nineteen-year-old Laurel moves back to her uncle's tobacco farm, she encounters a monster and her mother's ghost! Fantasy. For senior high and older readers.

## Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) 2023-24

Have you heard about OBOB at your school? Every fall, Oregon schools form teams of students who read the books on the OBOB list. The teams then battle it out in a tournament by answering trivia questions about the books. Winners at each school move on to battle other schools in the state until one team from each grade range becomes the champion!

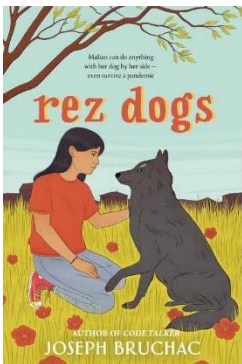


Does your school participate in Oregon Battle of the Books? If so, we have most of the books on the

OBOB list this year! Get ready for battle and let us know if you would like a cartridge with these titles. Many are also available on BARD to download. Even if you are not participating in OBOB, you can still check out the books. The OBOB list has a great mixture of different genres from adventure and fantasy to historical fiction and biographies so if you don't know what to read next, you might find your next great read on the OBOB list! Here are some of the books on this year's list:

### OBOB Picks Grades 3-5

**Rez Dogs** by Joseph Bruchac.  
DB103860. A novel in verse. Malian, a



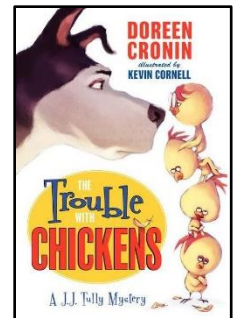
Wabanaki girl, was visiting her grandparents on the reservation when the COVID-19 pandemic started, and all travel shuts down. Away from her parents and her school in Boston,

Malian befriends a local dog. Native American fiction. For grades 3-6.

**From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler** by E. L. Konigsburg  
BR009549. DB022914. Newbery Award. Claudia, feeling misunderstood at home, takes her younger brother and runs away to New York City where she sets up house in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Humor. For grades 4-6.

**The Trouble with Chickens** by Doreen Cronin. DB073264. J.J.

Tully spent seven years as a rescue dog before retiring to the country. One day he is lured into a trap by a mutt named Vince, who wears a cone around his head and has kidnapped two of the chicken Millicent's babies. Animal Fiction. For grades 2-4.



**The Lion of Mars** by Jennifer L. Holm.  
DB102242. Bell has spent all 11 years of his life on Mars. When a virus breaks out in their colony and the grown-ups all fall ill, Bell and the other children are the only ones who can help to uncover the truth and possibly unite an entire planet. Science Fiction. For grades 3-6.

**The Midnight Children** by Dan Gemeinhart. DB110084. When lonely Ravani Foster discovers his new friend Virginia and her six mysterious runaway companions are in danger, he must fight to keep them safe, or lose the only person who has ever understood him. Adventure. For grades 5-8.

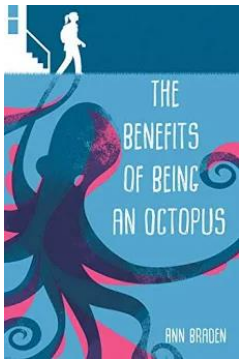




## OBOB Picks Grades 6-8

**The Blackbird Girls** by Anne Blankman. [DB099217](#). One morning, neighbors Valentina and Oksana wake up to an angry red sky. A reactor at the nuclear power plant where their fathers work, Chernobyl, has exploded. The two girls, who've always been enemies, find themselves fleeing together. Historical Fiction. For grades 4-7.

**The Benefits of Being an Octopus** by Ann Braden. [DB093902](#). While her mom

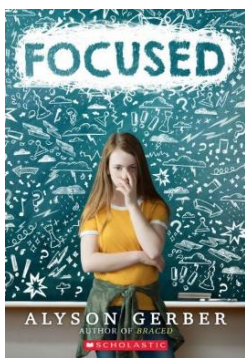


struggles to make ends meet, Zoey focuses on caring for three younger siblings and avoids being noticed, until her fascination with octopuses gets her on the debate team. Soon she begins to speak out

and see things in a new way. School Fiction. For grades 5-8.

**The Hobbit** by J. R. R. Tolkien [BR011595](#). [DB048978](#). The wandering wizard Gandalf recruits Bilbo Baggins, a Hobbit, to be the fourteenth member of an expedition. Hobbits prefer comfort to adventures, but Bilbo joins the quest and encounters many perils, including a dragon. Fantasy. For grades 5-8.

**Focused** by Alyson Gerber. [DB095432](#).



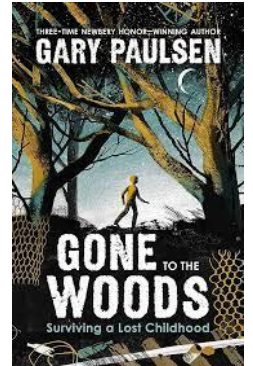
Clea wants to do well in class and play chess on the school team, but she cannot focus on anything. When her classmates take notice, Clea's worried parents have her tested for ADHD and Clea begins

to take control of her life. School Fiction. For grades 5-8.

## OBOB Picks Grades 9-12

**Gone to the Woods: Surviving a Lost Childhood** by Gary Paulsen.

[DB106044](#). Memoir of the award-winning author of Hatchet (DB 30535), Paulsen's survival stories reflect the experiences of his turbulent childhood. Paulsen recounts these significant events in his life in five sections: the farm, the river, the ship, thirteen, and soldier. Biography. For grades 6-9.



**House of Hollow** by Krystal Sutherland.

[DB102984](#). Something happened to Iris Hollow and her two older sisters, Grey and Vivi, when they were children that they can't remember and that left them with half-moon scars. When Grey goes missing, Iris must decipher the mystery of their past. Fantasy. For senior high and older readers.

**Today Tonight Tomorrow** by Rachel Lynn Solomon. [DB103424](#). After years competing with each other, Rowan and Neil have 24 hours left as high school students, and the two learn they share something much deeper than a rivalry. Romance. For senior high and older readers.

**The Final Six** by Alexandra Monir.

[DB090420](#). On a future Earth, where humanity is at war with the environment, 24 teens are chosen to train for the Europa Mission and Draft, a global space mission to colonize Jupiter's moon. But only six will go. Science Fiction. For senior high and older readers.





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**CHECK OUT OUR NEW DVDS!**

**Paws of Fury: The Legend of Hank.**

**DVD0670.** Hank, a loveable dog with a head full of dreams about becoming a



samurai, sets off in search of his destiny. Starring Michelle Yeoh, Kylie Kuioka, Cathy Shim, Samuel L. Jackson, Djimon Hounsou, George Takei, Gabriel Iglesias, Aasif Mandvi, Mel Brooks,

Ricky Gervais, and Michael Cera. Rated PG. 2022.

**Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile.** **DVD0710.**

Feature film based on the children's

book about a crocodile that lives in New York City. Starring Constance Wu, Winslow Fegley, Scott McNairy, Brett Gelman, Javier Bardem, Shawn Mendes. Rated PG. 2022.

**Champions.** **DVD0738.** A former minor-league basketball coach is ordered by the court to manage a

team of players with intellectual disabilities. He soon realizes that despite his doubts, together, this team can go further than they ever imagined. Starring Kaitlin Olson, Ernie Hudson, Cheech Marin, and Woody Harrelson. Rated PG-13. 2023.

