



# Battle OF THE BOOKS

**Crossing City Lines:**

## **Battle of the Books, a Regional Partnership**

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# What we are going to cover

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- What is Battle of the Books?

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- Why “Battle”?

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- How to get started

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- Program Structure

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- Finances

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- Lessons Learned

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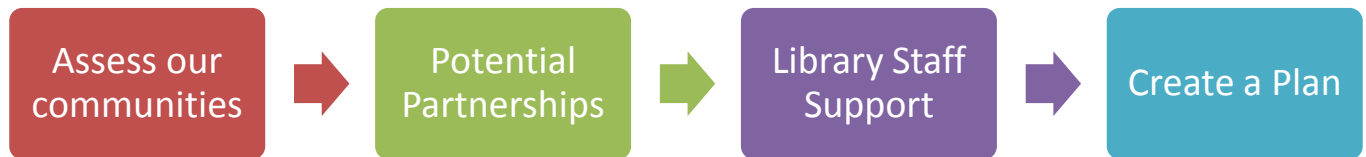
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# What is Battle of the Books?



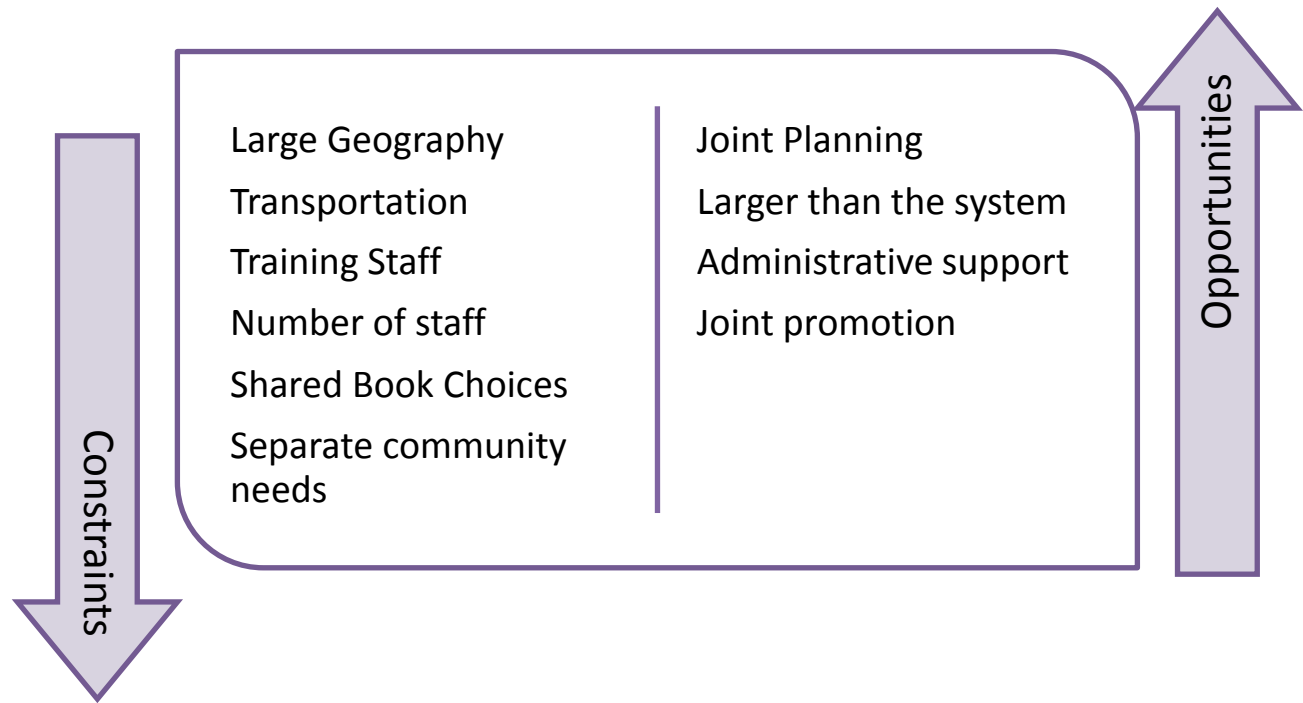


# Starting a battle tradition





# Opportunities & Constraints





# Event timeline

## April

- Evaluate previous year
- Select Books for next year

## May

- Send letter to LMS with Book Titles
- Release titles to the public
- Funding secured to purchase books
- Purchase additional copies for branches
- Update website

## June, July, August

- Read books & Write Questions
- Promo PowerPoint
- Marketing Materials
- Market to homeschool and private schools
- Coordinate with additional systems

## September, October, November

- Begin outreach to students & LMSs
- Continue marketing to non traditional students

## December

- Questions due by December 1
- Begin creating competition PowerPoints

## January

- Confirm competition locations
- Proof check competition questions
- Purchase prizes

## February

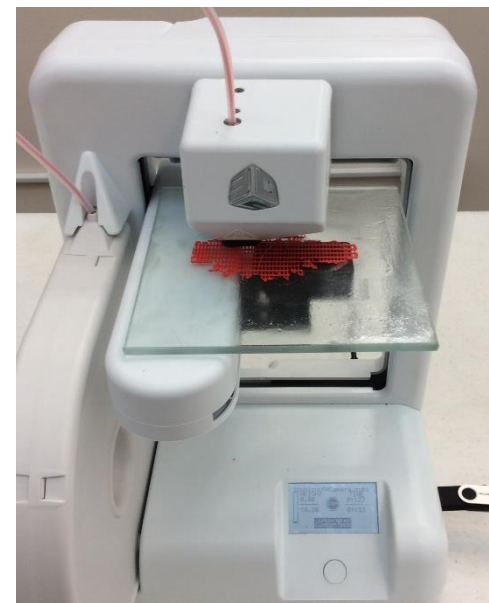
- Preliminary & Semi-Final Competition

## Late February/Early March

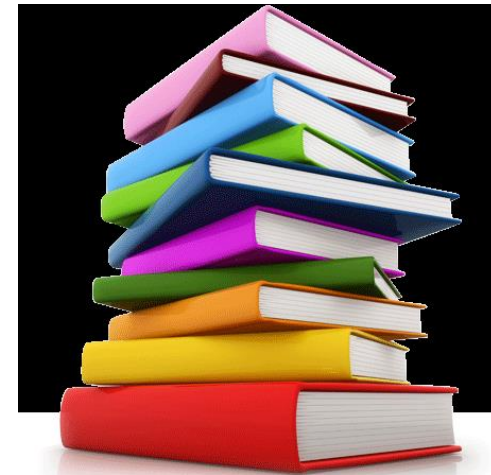
- Finale Competition



Play while you wait...



# Shared Finances





# Success!







# Lessons Learned

Pace Your Battles

Over Plan Tie Breakers

More Input from Teachers

Start Earlier

# Battle of the Books 2018

Library  
Systems

- Chesapeake Public Library
- Portsmouth Public Library
- Suffolk Public Library

Semi-  
Finals

- Individual City

Lead  
Library  
System

- Suffolk Public Library
- Coordinates and communicates
- Finale at North Suffolk Branch



# Battle of the Books 2018

Questions?