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MEIGS MIDDLE WINS 2017 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Library Assembles 28 Metro Nashville Middle School Teams to Compete for Reading Trophy, Limo Ride, Bragging Rights

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Middle schoolers from 28 Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) came to Nashville Public Library (NPL) Thursday, ready to rumble over their reading lists at the 2017 Battle of the Books.



After a long day of elimination-style trivia competition, students from Meigs Academic Magnet School defeated J.T. Moore Middle School to emerge the winners of this year's battle.

The winners received a trophy, free books and a limo ride — including a stop for celebratory ice cream — back to their school.

For a glimpse of Thursday's event, check out the Library's online album at <https://flic.kr/s/aHskVr3QVe>.

Battle of the Books is a program of [Limitless Libraries](#), the resource-sharing partnership between NPL and MNPS. Funded through the Metro budget, Limitless Libraries is bolstered by private support through the [Nashville Public Library Foundation](#) (NPLF), including a recent grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation (DGLF), which gave \$439,000 to NPLF on May 10 to support youth, adult and family literacy.

The grant benefits three NPL literacy programs—Limitless Libraries, Adult Literacy and Bringing Books to Life—and directly impacts more than 150,000 children, teachers, parents and adults in Nashville and Davidson County.

About Limitless Libraries

Limitless Libraries is a cooperative program of Nashville Public Library (NPL) and Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) with the goal of improving student success by enhancing school libraries, fostering resource sharing between the two institutions, and providing access to high quality books, online resources, and other learning materials.

About Nashville Public Library

A Nashville Public Library (NPL) card is free, but it's also priceless. A [2016 study](#) by the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce calculated the value of NPL's services and collections at \$2,951 per Nashville family and the direct impact of NPL on Davidson County at \$94 million. NPL maintains a collection of millions of items, including books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and streaming and downloadable books, movies and music. The Library also offers more than 800 public-use computers, free art exhibits, educational programs, events for all ages, 24/7 reference assistance, online databases, interlibrary loan and special collections. Metro Archives, located at the Main Library, houses 5 million historic documents. Equal access is provided by the Talking Library audio reading service for the print disabled and Library Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. For more information, call 615-862-5800 or visit library.nashville.org.

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