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JOHN EARLY MIDDLE SCHOOL WINS 2016 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
Nashville Public Library Assembles 27 Metro Nashville Middle School Teams to Compete for Reading Trophy, Limo Ride, Bragging Rights

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- Middle schoolers from 27 Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) came to Nashville Public Library (NPL) ready to rumble over their reading lists at **the 2016 Battle of the Books**, May 19. After a long day of elimination-style trivia competition, students from **John Early Museum Magnet** defeated McMurray Middle to emerge the winners of this year's battle.



The winners received a trophy, free books, and a limo ride back to their school—including an in-car karaoke machine and a stop for ice cream—where they were greeted by a cheering assembly of their classmates. For video of this year's competition and award ceremony, visit NPL's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NashvillePublicLibrary/videos/10156941053845501/>.

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 donation from the **Dollar General Literacy Foundation (DGLF)**, who gave **\$440,000 to NPLF** in May to support adult and family literacy. The grant will benefit three NPL literacy programs—Limitless Libraries, Adult Literacy and Bringing Books to Life—and will directly impact more than **155,000 children, teachers, parents and adults in Nashville and Davidson County**.



NPLF President Tari Hughes, DGLF Director Denine Torr, NPL Director Kent Oliver, NPLF Director of Corporate and Community Fundraising Amanda Tate

About Limitless Libraries

Limitless Libraries is a cooperative program of Nashville Public Library and Metro Nashville Public Schools with the goal of improving school libraries, fostering resource sharing between the two institutions, and improving student access to learning materials. For more information, visit www.limitlesslibraries.org.

About Nashville Public Library

Nashville Public Library maintains a collection of 2 million-plus items, including books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, 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. The Metro Archives, housed within Nashville Public Library, includes 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.

About Nashville Public Library Foundation

The Nashville Public Library Foundation is a committed community of leaders, learners and innovative achievers dedicated to supporting and empowering one of our city's greatest resources – the Nashville Public Library. Founded in 1997 as a 501(c) 3 organization, NPLF has raised more than \$41 million to advance the impact and reach of NPL programs and initiatives. For more information on NPLF, visit <http://www.nplf.org>.

