Hosting a 100% Virtual Battle of the Books
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From e-books, to Google Sheets, and Zoom breakout rooms!
Technology We Used

E-BOOKS

WEBSITE PROMOTION

SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION

GOOGLE OFFICE SUITE

VIDEO CONFERENCING SOFTWARE

Overdrive and Hoopla

Evanced and Library Website

Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and Instagram

Google Docs and Google Sheets.

Zoom + Zoom Breakout Rooms
(there’s a Google workaround if you use Google Classroom)
Building the Program

Book selection, writing questions, registration, teams, scoring, and more!
Book Selection Considerations

- Quality, popularity, overlap with other reading lists?
- Overdrive vs. Hoopla copies.
- Availability (we wound up removing one title).
- Can student obtain a physical copy instead of an e-book?
Registration & Building Teams

- Direct registration for each library.
- Teams register in (parentheses).
- Teams assigned post registration.
- Correspondence via email and Zoom meetings.
Writing Questions & Scoring

- Staff shared Google Sheet.
- Page numbers and e-books, don’t go together.
Writing Questions & Scoring

- Team Google Sheets as answer sheets.

- Google Sheets scoreboard.

  Formulas to remember
  - \( = \text{SUM( cells to add )} \)
  - \( = \text{click on the cell (in another tab) whose value you want to show on the scoreboard.} \)
Battle Day Setup!
One BIG Zoom Meeting!
We required registration and everyone joined via their emailed Zoom Link.

Practice Session!
We went over the rules and spent some time practicing so students could get familiar with the setup.

Breakout Rooms + Sheets!
Team answer sheets were direct messages to team captains. The host put everyone into their preassigned breakout rooms, and the Battle began!

Breaks Between Rounds
Three minute breaks were given between rounds, so that staff could score and cut & paste next round’s questions.
Zoom Setup

**Video**
- Host: On
- Participant: On

**Audio**
- Telephone and Computer Audio
- Dial from United States of America

**Meeting Options**
- ✗ Enable join before host
- ✗ Mute participants upon entry
- ✗ Only authenticated users can join
- ✗ Automatically record meeting on the local computer

**Breakout Room Assignment**
- 8 rooms, 33 participants

Assign participants to breakout rooms by adding their email. You can create up to 50 breakout rooms and assign up to a total of 200 participants.

- **Rooms**
  - Book Nerds: 4
  - Book Worms: 4
  - MILKY KINGS: 4
  - Racing Readers: 5
  - Book Worms: 3
  - Bookie Monsters: 3
  - Lunch Club: 5
  - Rebel Readers: 5

- **Book Nerds**
  - Add participants

**Co-host**

Allow the host to add co-hosts. Co-hosts have the same in-meeting controls as the host.
Hindsight is 2020

I’m beginning to think “Hindsight is 20/20”

2020

Was a message from a future time traveler that we all misunderstood
But Honestly: What We Learned

› Make sure you have enough copies for any situation. You don’t know what the future will hold.
› Mandatory Practice Session before Battle Day!
› Length of the program should be shortened.
› Cheating can be easier when virtual. Be flexible and be ready to make changes on the spot!
› This program was our most popular of the summer!
THANKS!

Any questions?

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