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2008 Suffolk County Battle of the Books by Barbara Moon



Approximately 1,000 teens, librarians, and family members converged on the campus of Stony Brook University for the twelfth annual Suffolk County Battle of the Books. Teams representing thirty seven libraries competed for this year's championship. The semi-final and final battles were held at the Islandia Marriott on Monday evening August 18th. Monday night's final battle ended in a heart-stopping, nail-biting finish, with two overtime rounds needed to break the tied score. Top honors went to **Patchogue-Medford Library**, whose team won the final spot on the award plaque. Other teams receiving recognition were **Sayville**

Library, second place, **North Babylon Public Library**, third place, and **Huntington Public Library**, fourth place.

Teens voted **The Smithtown Library/ Main and Riverhead Free Library** as recipients of the most creative costume award. Teams earning non-scoring awards were: Sportsmanship: **Elwood Public Library** and **Shelter Island Public Library**; Team Choice: **Port Jefferson Free Library** and **East Hampton Library**; and Team Spirit: **Hauppauge Public Library** and **Hampton Bays Public Library**.

Coaches receiving special recognition were **Brian Cooper**, Harborfields Public Library, and **Neely McCahey**, Hampton Bays Public Library. To see photos of all participating teams and view a listing of all non-scoring awards, visit [SCLS Teen Services](#). Congratulations to all participants. See you in 2009 for another exciting reading trivia competition.



Hail & Farewell

*Jennifer Chivvis formerly of the Smithtown Public Library is now Jennifer Fowler of the West Islip Public Library.

*Joanne Trezza Adam has become the new Head of Youth and Family Services at the Hauppauge Public Library.

If you or someone you know has moved libraries or has retired, please contact me at either:

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**DON'T
FORGET
THESE
IMPORTANT
DATES!!**

Upcoming YASD Meetings & Events

Meeting
September 11
9:30am-11:00am
Mastics Moriches Shirley

Annual Luncheon
October 16
11:30am-2:00pm
56th Fighter Group

Guest Author:

Melissa de la Cruz

Meeting
November 13
9:30am-11:00am
Port Jefferson Free

Meeting
December 11
9:30am-11:00am
Emma S. Clark

Meeting
January 8, 2009
9:30am-11:00am
Connetquot

**Advanced Battle of
the Books**
March 20
6:00pm-9:00pm
Sachem

Butterflies by Jeri Cohen (Patchogue-Medford)

The library's Young Adult department was redone last summer although we have more room, shelving covers all the available wall space. So when it came to decorating for summer reading club this year, we went the only way we could: up! Virtually everything had to be hung from the ceiling.

Since our theme was Metamorphosis, we decided to buy butterfly habitats, hang them from the ceiling, and have our own little butterfly garden. We decorated with plants and leaves where we could to get a rainforest feeling and hung "butterfly books" from the ceiling. After discussion, we decided to order the butterfly larvae so they would arrive the week before summer reading club started, and we would have butterflies in at least one of our five habitats all summer long.

The Best Laid Plans ...

Week 1: Where are the butterflies? We have habitats, but no larvae. When will they arrive? We ask the clerk who we thought was going to order them. She referred us to someone else. In short, no one had ordered the larvae. A rush order was sent out.

Week 2: We Wait for Larvae.

Week 3: They're here! But we think they're all dead. Two containers of larvae arrived the beginning of week 3. We opened the box, all excited. But the caterpillars weren't moving. One of our pages opened the little cups they were in, and poked at them to see if they were all right. There was some movement, and they seemed to perk up after being in the light for a while. So we put the open cups with the caterpillar food in 2 of our butterfly habitats. Then I read the instructions – do not open the sterile containers. Oops.

Week 4: More Larvae, and Chrysalises. One more container of caterpillars arrived at the start of week 4. We left these in their container, as per instructions. The ones in the department in the open containers seemed to be doing just fine as well. The caterpillars were getting big and fat.

Week 5: A Plethora of Riches. I got to work the first day of week 5 and found 4 more packages of larvae on my desk. So much for spacing them out – the vendor had decided to ship the entire order at one time. The plan of

butterflies all summer wasn't working anyway. So far, we had none. But the caterpillars out in the department (from the unsterilized containers) had formed chrysalises. And the ones in the sealed cup on my desk were growing.

Week 6: Butterflies at last! The larvae from the first two containers have hatched! All of them, in spite of their non-sterile beginnings. We have 5 - 6 painted lady butterflies in each habitat. In the middle of the week, the larvae from the third shipment hatch as well. The caterpillars on my desk, all four cups, are in chrysalis, and we put them in our last two habitats.

Week 7: More butterflies, and freedom. It's the last week of Summer Reading Club, and we have butterflies in all 5 habitats. Lots of people, especially families, who walk by the department, come in to visit. It is time to let some go – the ones that hatched first are about a week old. We took them out to the garden behind the library. This garden was planted by the girl scouts, and is maintained by our Random Acts of Kindness Community Service Group, led by Martha Mikkleson. We will let the last butterflies go next week, when Summer Reading Club is over.



Eclipse Prom 2008 by Cheryl Conenello (Sachem)

One year ago, a group of 18 girls gathered for a program titled, *Twilight at Your Fingertips* at the Sachem Public Library, to honor the release of Stephenie Meyer's book *Eclipse*. Little did we know that this would stem into a massive project one year later. During the program we discussed how incredible it would be to have our own prom to celebrate a book release. And that is where the *Eclipse Prom* was born at Sachem Public Library.

On January 25, 2008 the Twilight Committee had their first meeting. We discussed possible dates for the prom, seeing as how the release date for *Breaking Dawn* had not yet been published. It was going to be an affair like no other. There were to be quotes from the books made to the size of banners, a special banner would be created to hang over the stage. There would be music, food and most important, fun for all. And naturally, no prom would be complete with out a King and Queen.



After several meetings we had selected decorations in the theme colors of red, black and white to depict the colors from the covers of the books. But then an amazing thing happened. A release date was published. And that was when we changed the date of the prom to be held on the release date. Saturday, August 2, 2008 was to be the first ever *Eclipse Prom* held at the Sachem Public Library.

Fast forward to Saturday, August 2,

2008. Upon walking into the gallery, you were greeted by those dressed as vampires, their favorite character from the *Twilight* series or those decked out in prom attired. Smiles were floating everywhere as all waited patiently to enter the prom. Some even began taking pictures by a photo opt area we created, complete with an arbor of roses and tulle. Then it was time to enter. As everyone walked in, they were greeted by the sounds of the DJ who had strobe lights and green stars projected on the ceiling to create an eerie atmosphere. Each of the walls contained quotes from the books that were personally selected by the Twilight Committee. The stage was a sight as well. Black curtains with silver metallic stars draped across the stage with our custom banner made by one of our committee member's father, which stated the series event, Twilight Prom. And then there were the star balloons in our themed colors rising from the sides. It was the beginning of a night to remember.

All through the evening, teens danced, took pictures, made friends, compared outfits, discussed the possible outcomes of the new book and had the time of their lives. They were all there because of one thing they had in common. They could hardly wait for their very own copy of *Breaking Dawn*.

But first was the crowning of Prom King and Queen. As each teen entered the prom that evening they were to write their name on a blue card if they were a male, a pink card if they were a female. Then the cards were separated. When the time came, two tables were placed on the stage. Each table contained 6 individually wrapped roses of which the colors could not be seen. Five white, one red. Then in clear sight, the 6 nominee's for King and 6 nominee's for Queen were chosen out of a clear container where all the names had been placed. The twelve teens then

came on stage and stood in front of their appropriate table. They were then told to each select a rose and unwrap it. It was then that we



unveiled who our Prom King and Queen were. And so they were crowned. Right on queue, the DJ played "Blue Moon" from the *Grease* soundtrack. And our King and Queen had their dance. Along with everyone else who joined in. We even had our director there sporting her tiara from when she won Prom Queen in high school.

But now the prom was coming to a close. And the teens who purchased a copy of *Breaking Dawn* eagerly lined up to collect their copy. There were yelps and screeches as they read the chapter titles and couldn't wait to begin reading.

The *Eclipse Prom* is a night that will never be forgotten, at least by me. After a year of planning, late nights of making banners and a day of running around like no other, it was a successful program that I wouldn't hesitate doing over. It's just wonderful that reading can create such an amazing event that brings teens together. I thank all the staff involved, and I especially thank those 18 who were a part of the Twilight Committee.

Battle of the Books - Advanced Division by Brian Schwartz (Patchogue-Medford)

Does your library have teens who have aged out but miss the fun of participating in Battle? Chances are, your answer will be yes! It was this idea that spawned the creation of Battle of the Books: Advanced Division.

It began in 2006 with four libraries: Patchogue-Medford, Sachem, Middle Country and Longwood. The four libraries involved selected the two titles, which were geared toward the target age, 9-12 graders. The librarians acted as both judges and coaches. The first competition was held at Sachem Library. The second year, it was decided that coaching and judging should be separate, so four judges were selected and this time, two additional libraries joined the competition, Mastics-Moriches-Shirley and Harborfields. In addition, a third book was added to the required list of books.

In the third year, 5 more libraries joined the competition, making the number of libraries involved up to 11. The best part of this program is the fact that it allows the high school aged students in ninth through twelve grade to continue to enjoy the Battle of the Books format. Advanced Battle follows the format of the regular Battle as closely as possible, right down to costumes, a final round, and a release date for the titles. Some of the major differences between the summer Battle and Advanced Battle include a bigger spread of refreshments, a team limit of 12, and less books to read with more mature topics.

If your library is interested in participating in this wonderful high school aged program, please contact Brian Schwartz at bschwartz@pmlib.org for more information! We'd love to have your library join!

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