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Oregon Battle of the Books

As this issue of *Interchange/OLAQ* is published, regional Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) competitions around the state are wrapping up and crowning their representatives to the state competition, which is scheduled for April 12th in Salem. This year, 441 schools registered from around the state! We expect a great turnout of both familiar faces and newcomers to the competition.

At press time, the following titles had been chosen for the 2013–14 Oregon Battle of the Books program. We appreciate the nominations and feedback that were submitted by so many of you. The list will be finalized in early May. If you haven't participated before, consider getting teams together to read these fantastic books next year. It could even be a great to time to start that collaboration between public and school libraries!

If you would like to comment on the remaining titles under consideration, please visit the OBOB wiki Title section.

Announcing the partial 2014-2015 OBOB list:

3–5 DIVISION

The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester by Barbara O'Connor, 2010 Gaby, Lost and Found by Angela Cervantes, 2013 Kizzy Ann Stamps by Jeri Hanel Watts, 2013 The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate Dicamillo, 2006 Rules by Cynthia Lord, 2006 The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate, 2012 Sasquatch by Roland Smith, 1998 A Nest for Celeste by Henry Cole, 2010

6–8 DIVISION

Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin, 2012 Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac, 2006 The False Prince by Jennifer Nielsen, 2012 Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick, 1993 Into The Wild (Warriors) by Erin Hunter, 2003 The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine, 2012 Ungifted by Gordon Korman, 2012 Wonder by R.J. Palacio, 2012

9–12 DIVISION

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz, 2012 Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein, 2012 Mr. Penumbra's 24-hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan, 2012 Please Ignore Vera Dietz by A.S. King, 2010 Ready Player One by Ernest Cline, 2011

