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STATE **Battle of the Books** Competition

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Elliott University Center

UNC-G, Greensboro, NC

9:00 am-4:00 pm

Students from nine school regions will showcase their knowledge of books at the NCSLMA state competition of the ***Battle of the Books*** on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. The event will take place in the Elliott University Center on the UNC-Greensboro campus.

Battle of the Books is sponsored by the North Carolina School Library Media Association for students in grades 6, 7, and 8 from eligible public, private, and charter schools across the state.

Battle of the Books provides a fun, challenging way to motivate middle school students to read books from a wide variety of genres. Schools participate in a 'quiz bowl'-style tournament that tests their knowledge of a list of books selected by the NCSLMA's ***Battle of the Books*** committee. This year's list of 26 titles includes classics such as To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee and A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith; modern classics such as The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton; current favorites including Eldest by Christopher Paolini and Maximum Ride: the Angel Experiment by James Patterson; and autobiographies Red Scarf Girl by Ji-Li Jiang and My Dog Skip by Willie Morris.

The name of the winning school will be engraved on a perpetual plaque that resides at the Department of Public Instruction building in Raleigh.

Participating schools for 2008 include Rodgers Elementary School, Williamston, Region 1; Hunters Creek Middle School, Jacksonville, Region 2; Riverwood Middle School, Clayton, Region 3; Seventy-First Classical Middle School, Fayetteville, Region 4; Hanes Middle School, Winston-Salem, Region 5; West Lincoln Middle School, Lincolnton, Region 6; Mill Creek Middle School, Claremont, Region 7; RS Middle School, Rutherfordton, Region 8; Our Lady of Grace School, Greensboro, Region 9.

These students have worked hard to prepare for this event, so come out and support your favorite team! For further information, please contact Mary Swoope, ***NCSLMA Battle of the Books state chair***. Her e-mail address: MarySwoope@ccs.k12.nc.us