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TD Battle of the Books 2017 – Durham Regional Champions Named

May 1, 2017—Durham Region public libraries is pleased to announce the winners of the TD Battle of the Books Durham Regional Championships! St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School from Whitby is the champion at the junior level, and Coronation Public School from Oshawa is the champion at the senior level.

The Regional Championships were held in Oshawa at the Northview Community Centre on the evening of Thursday, April 27. Gold medal teams from across Durham represented their communities and competed at the Regional level following a series of local semi-finals and finals.

The full Regional Championship results are:

Junior:

1. St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School (Whitby)
2. William Dunbar Public School (Pickering)
3. Newcastle Public School (Clarington)
4. Lincoln Avenue Public School (Ajax)
5. Coronation Public School (Oshawa)
6. Joseph Gould Public School (Uxbridge)

Senior:

1. Coronation Public School (Oshawa)
2. William Dunbar Public School (Pickering)
3. St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic School (Whitby)
4. Lincoln Avenue Public School (Ajax)
5. R.H. Cornish Public School (Scugog)
6. The Pines Senior Public School (Clarington)

For the 2017 Battle of the Books, 983 students from 136 schools participated at the Junior and Senior levels, with approximately 9,800 books being read.

Generously sponsored by TD Canada Trust for over 20 years, the Battle of the Books is a school reading challenge held across the Durham region. It aims to encourage reading, foster friendly competition, and nurture the love of books in young people. This year, over 150 Durham schools had teams registered at the junior (Grades 4 to 6) and senior (Grades 7 to 8) levels. Teams are tested on their knowledge of a reading list of 30 books.

More information on Battle of the Books may be found at www.bookbattle.ca. Teachers and educational support staff are encouraged to reach out to their local Durham Region public library to inquire about their school's participation for 2018.

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