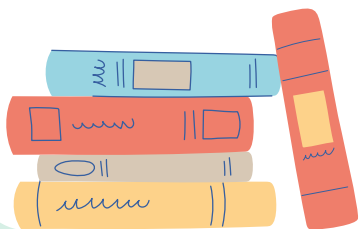


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How to Participate

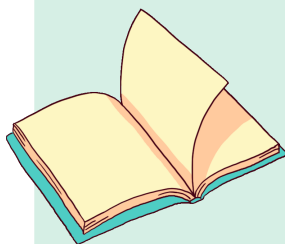
- Be a 4th - 6th grade VUSD student.
- Form a team of no more than 4 members total.
- Create a team name.
- Register your team in your school's library to compete by 1/12/23.
- Read the books from the NK book list before your school competition date.

Competition Rules

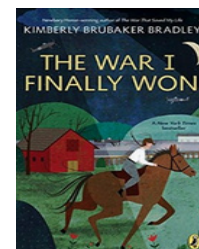
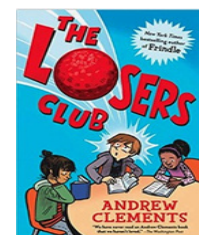
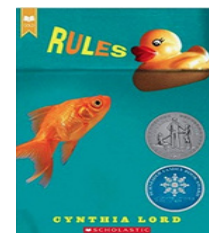
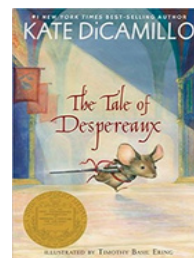
- Teams can be no more than 4 members total.
- NK Books will only be checked out from school library to registered team members.
- If a team member is absent on the day of competition, team must compete without that member.
- Site competition will include teams answering 4 rounds of questions (6 points per round (no partial points awarded)).
- Winning teams from each school will go on the district competition May 7th, 2024.

Resources

- Students can use their [Student Access Card](#) at Solano County Library to check out NK books.
- Solano County Library hosts weekly NK Book Talks this winter as helpful competition prep!
- Bounty Books in Vacaville is another great option if you would like to purchase NK books.



Book List



[Download the PDF list](#)

Reading Commitment

NK Competition asks 4-5 months of participant commitment.

Students registered to compete should be dedicated readers ready to support their team.

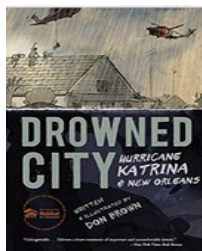
At home support and encouragement for reading is crucial for your student to gain the most beneficial experience.

Have Questions?

School library technicians are a great resource!

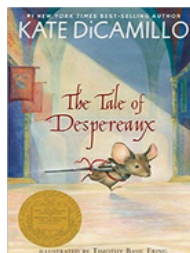
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and New Orleans*

by Don Brown



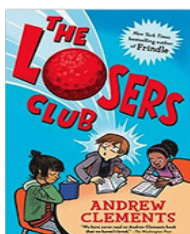
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Love That Dog

by Sharon Creech



*The Loser's
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by Andrew Clements



Rules

by Cynthia Lord



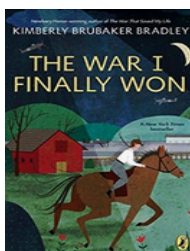
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*The Detective's
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By Kate Hannigan



*The War I
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by Kimberly Brubaker
Bradley



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What is Novel Knowledge Competition?

Novel Knowledge (NK) is a team reading competition for grades 4 - 6 that begins at each elementary site in the late fall and ends with a district-wide competition on May 7, 2024 at 6pm at Vaca Pena Middle School MP Room.

VUSD has proudly sponsored the NK Competition for the past 21 years! This is a fun reading competition that promotes the joy of reading and lets our dedicated readers the chance to shine at both site and district competitions.

How are novels selected?

Each year, the novels for NK are recommended from site library technicians and school staff. Recommendations are then narrowed down by the NK district committee to balance the reading list overall, taking into consideration reading levels, genres, fiction and nonfiction texts.

How are teams scored?

Teams will answer 4 rounds of questions based on all 8 novels. Each question is worth 1 point for 16 points per round and a final total of 64 points possible. No partial points are awarded. The NK site team committee will score all answers, results will then be updated for the school community.

Should teams tie after all 4 rounds, tie breaker questions will be used to determine the site champion. Site champions will be announced at a later time by Principal announcements and/or assembly.

Why Participate in Novel Knowledge?

This is a great way to get your student(s) excited about reading, competing and representing their school! Novel Knowledge is a fun team challenge that helps 4th - 6th students' literacy skills.

Teams can decide to divide the reading list up or have all members read all 8 novels. Teams are encouraged to come up with dynamic team names and have fun competing their Novel Knowledge!