



2022-23

What is Book Blitz Jr.?

Book Blitz Jr. (BBJ) is a new optional district extended learning opportunity in which 4th-5th students work in teams to read and study a number of titles based on grade level over the course of several months. (3rd grade teams are optional, based on school preference.) They will then participate in “Jeopardy-style” competitions to demonstrate their knowledge of the books, first at the school level, followed by the winning 4th-5th grade team moving on to the district competition against 4th-5th grade teams from other district elementary schools.

While Book Blitz Jr. is a new extended learning opportunity for elementary students, it mirrors the Canyons long-standing successful middle schools’ program, Book Blitz.

How your school can participate in Book Blitz Jr.

To participate in Book Blitz Jr., your school will need to have at least two PTA/parent volunteers or a mix of volunteers and stipend Canyons employees/educators who will facilitate and coach Book Blitz Jr. teams through to the April competition. It is recommended that one adult act as the school’s Book Blitz Jr. School Facilitator; any others would serve as coaches. Coaching requires monthly check-in and weekly practice meetings leading up to the school and/or district competition. Two deep adult leadership is required for all meetings run by volunteers, and meetings must be held on school property.

If your school fields multiple teams, a school level competition should be held prior to April’s Spring Break; the School Facilitator will organize and run the school-level competition under district guidance. The school will be responsible for printing and providing certificates—a template will be provided—and prizes at the school-level competition; the district will provide certificates and prizes at the district-level.

Two copies of the Book Blitz Jr. 2022-23 print book sets will be provided using school library media funds; eBook and audiobooks are available in SORA; the school will be responsible for providing additional copies, if deemed necessary. A paperback print set costs approximately \$100.

Extensive Book Blitz Jr. documentation, guidance and resources will be available through the Book Blitz Jr. Shared Drive for participating school administrators and volunteers.

REGISTRATION

To register your school to participate in Book Blitz Jr., the school principal or designee fills out the Book Blitz Jr. registration form [HERE](https://forms.gle/7zDPRe3wtgFu4rfT9) (<https://forms.gle/7zDPRe3wtgFu4rfT9>) by October 1st.

Needed information:

- Book Blitz Jr. School Facilitator's name and email address
- Types of teams participating
 - 4th-5th grade teams
 - Both 4th-5th grade and 3rd grade
 - Neither
- Three commitments
 - Read and follow provided Book Blitz Jr guidelines
 - Run a fair school-level Book Blitz Jr competition, if necessary
 - Not to share competition questions and answers

ACCESS To Book Blitz Jr. Guides

After registering, the School Facilitator emails Gretchen Zaitzeff, District Library Media Specialist, (gretchen.zaitzeff@canyonsdistrict.org), and access will be granted to the Book Blitz Jr. shared drive. In the drive, there is a poster file, bookmark templates, the reading lists, letters to parents, frequently asked questions, competition rules, the School Facilitator's Guide, the Coach's Guide including practice tips, the Principal's Guide and other information.

PURCHASE

Two hardback copies of the Book Blitz Jr. 2022-23 print book sets will be provided using school library media funds. Additional paperback copies of the Book Blitz Jr. titles may be purchased using other funds, Scholastic dollars, etc. Any additional copies may be processed and circulated through the school's library media center.

RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS

ADVERTISE interest meeting

PLAN check in and practice meetings including locations and times

HOLD an interest meeting, communicate expectations to parents and sign up students

CREATE teams and set expectations