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When I think of epic battles throughout the course of history, some really big ones immediately come to mind. The Battle of Gettysburg. Muhammad Ali versus Joe Frazier. The 1980 Winter Olympics USA versus USSR hockey match. The ongoing Jeni versus her brother Tim in the battle for bragging rights over who is the favorite child. Oh, you haven't heard of that last one? Well, believe me, it is truly epic. Just ask my mom and dad.

The Beloit Public Library Foundation is gearing up for another epic battle this fall and you can be part of the fun. Do you love to read? Do you love trivia? Got a knack for remembering quotes and obscure tidbits of information tucked away in books? Then the inaugural Adult Battle of the Books fundraising event, held on Thursday October 23rd from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., is just the place for you. Teams of four will battle each other on their knowledge of the 15 books on the Battle of the Books reading list. There will be five rounds of questions and prizes will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. Even audience members will have a chance to sabotage, er... I mean help, by providing right (or wrong!) answers to the teams.

The cost to participate is \$100 per team of four people and now is the time to start reading. Come up with a really fun name for your team and visit www.beloitlibrarybash.com to register. You can also find the list of books and rules on the website as well.

We'll see you in October, but in the meantime be sure to Like us on Facebook and visit us online at www.beloitlibrary.info. Here's some great new books coming soon to your Beloit Public Library:

Enough: Our Fight to Keep America Safe from Gun Violence by Mark Kelly and Gabrielle Giffords. As gun owners and strong supporters of the Second Amendment, Gabby and Mark offer a bold but sensible path forward, preserving the right to own guns for collection, recreation, and protection while taking common-sense actions to prevent the next Tucson, Aurora, or Newtown. (Book Description)

Honoring the Doughboys: Following My Grandfather's World War One Diary by Jeffrey Lowdermilk. Jeff Lowdermilk's passion for World War I and of military history began as a lad when he listened to his grandfather, George A. Carlson, tell his life's stories about serving as a 'doughboy' in Europe during the Great War. When his grandfather passed away in 1982, his mother gave to Jeff her father's amazing diary, which included not only lengthy descriptions of the landscapes, towns, and battles he experienced, but also heartfelt observations and insights about what life as a soldier on the road... (Book Description)

The Mindset List of the Obscure: 74 Famously Forgotten American Icons from A to Z by Tom McBride and Ron Nief. In this entertaining romp through American culture, the creators of the Beloit College Mindset List explore 75 icons once-famous and now forgotten-from Abbott and Costello to the singing telegram. Packed with entertaining facts, trivia, and photos, this is the perfect gift for college students, their oh-so-outdated parents, and pop culture mavens nostalgic for days gone by. (Book Description)