

## 2016-2017 Battle of the Books Reading List

This season, we say good-bye to:

*Owls in the Family*

*Doing Time Online*

*The Junkyard Dog*

*The Great Brain*

*Stone Fox*

*Kids at Work*

This season, we welcome:

### ***Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliett**

“When seemingly unrelated and strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.”

### ***Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar**

“Two middle-grade kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world”

### ***Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins**

“When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.”

### ***The Island of Dr. Libris* by Chris Grabenstein**

“A twelve-year-old boy, worried that his parents may divorce, discovers that an island in the middle of the lake where he is spending the summer is the testing grounds of the mysterious Dr. Libris, who may have invented a way to make the characters in books come alive.”

### ***Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin* by Liesl Shurtliff**

“Relates the tale of Rumpelstiltskin's childhood and youth, explaining why his name is so important, how he is able to spin straw into gold, and why a first-born child is his reward for helping the miller's daughter-turned-queen.”

### ***Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* by Kelly Jones**

“Through a series of letters, Sophie Brown, age twelve, tells of her family's move to her Great Uncle Jim's farm, where she begins taking care of some unusual chickens with help from neighbors and friends.”

