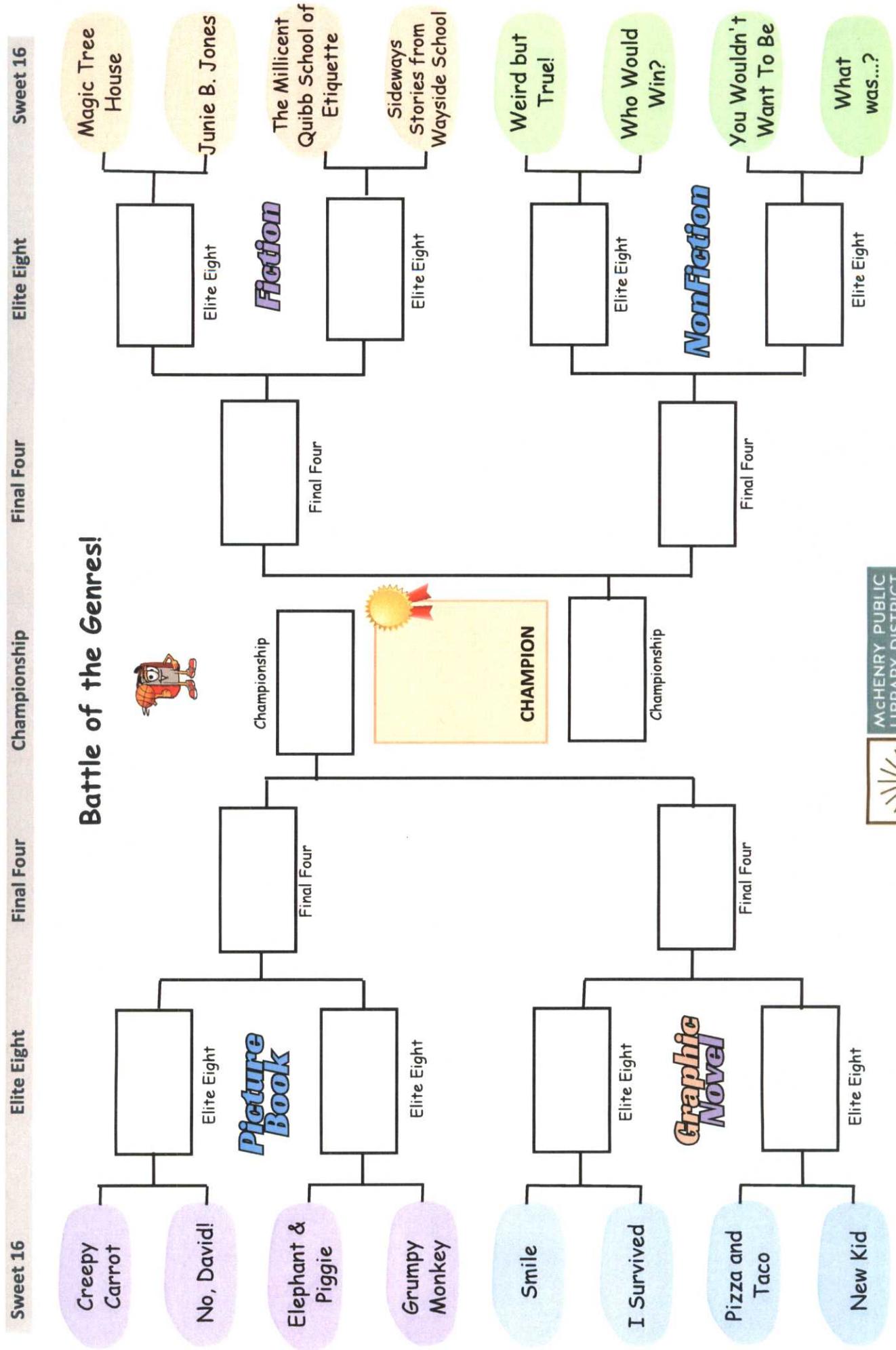


2026 Book Madness Bracket



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Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____ Phone: _____

2026 Book Madness: Battle of the Genres

Get ready to vote for your favorite genre! Which one is the best? Only you can decide!

Participants must be in grades 4-8 to submit a bracket. Only one (1) bracket entry is allowed per person. Please fill out your full name, school, and a phone number so we can reach you if you win! **Brackets missing these details will not be eligible for prizes.**

Win the most points by correctly choosing the “winning pick” for each of the match-ups associated with the tournament. To fill out your bracket, write the name of the book you think will win in the box next to each match up. (For series titles, the first book in the series is the one competing.)

A video explaining the rules and introducing each book will be released on the library's YouTube channel “The MPLD” on February 1, 2026.

Brackets will be available on the library's website and at the Questions Desk starting February 1, 2026. All brackets must be turned in to the Questions Desk **before 4PM on Sunday, February 15! Please Note: brackets turned in after this deadline will not be eligible to win a prize.**

Voting:

Anyone can vote, even if they did not submit a bracket. A voting link will be posted on the library's website on the first day of each round of voting at <http://www.mchenrylibrary.org>.

Voting will end at 5 p.m. on the dates listed below.

Voting Dates:

Sweet 16: Feb 17-23 **Elite Eight:** Feb 25-Mar 3 **Final Four:** Mar 5-11 **Championship:** Mar 13-19

Scoring:

Sweet 16 winners: 4 points per correct pick

Elite Eight winners: 8 points per correct pick

Final Four winners: 16 points per correct pick

Championship: 32 points per correct pick

The winning book and its genre will be announced Friday, March 20. Winning students will be announced by the end of April.

Tiebreakers: If there is a tie, a raffle held by the Youth Services Staff at McHenry Public Library will determine the winners.

Prizes: Those with the most points after the Championship Round will win the following prizes:

1st place : Amazon Kindle and a \$25 gift card

2nd place : Amazon Kindle and a \$20 gift card

3rd place : Amazon Kindle and a \$15 gift card