



Teens from Libraries Across the State Face-Off Oct. 28

DES MOINES — Teen groups from across Iowa will face-off the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 28 for the first *Teen Battle of the Brains Statewide Smackdown*. The event pits library teen groups against each other for a virtual trivia competition to determine whose brains are brawnier.

The quiz bowl-style competition will test their smarts in categories such as books, music, gaming, and more. Teen groups from 19 libraries across the state have committed to participate in the event, and the team crowned as champion will receive bragging rights and an official certificate signed by State Librarian Michael Scott commemorating the win.



State Library Youth Services Consultant Angie Manfredi will host and emcee the *Smackdown*, which starts at 6:30 p.m. The competition happens in conjunction with TeenTober, a new, nationwide celebration month created by the American Library Association to promote teen services and programs in libraries.

Teen Groups from the following libraries will compete in the event:

- Ames Public Library
- Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library
- Atlantic Public Library
- Bondurant Community Library
- Carlisle Public Library

- Council Bluffs Public Library
- Drake Community Library, Grinnell
- Ericson Public Library, Boone
- Fairfield Public Library
- Iowa City Public Library
- James Kennedy Public Library, Dyersville
- Johnston Public Library
- Marshalltown Public Library
- Monticello Public Library
- Newton Public Library
- Pella Public Library
- Sheldon Public Library
- Urbandale Public Library
- West Branch Public Library

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