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## **Roy H. Crosby Nabs Gold Medal in 2005 Battle of the Books Competition**

Roy H. Crosby P.S. was this year's Battle of the Books winner in a sudden-death tie-breaking round for the 2005 gold medal. Aldergrove P.S. won the silver medal and Edward T. Crowle P.S. took the bronze.

Fourteen schools battled in this year's event, held at Coppard Glen School on April 20. Sponsorship by Starbucks enabled the winning school to take home a cash prize of \$250, while 2<sup>nd</sup> place school Aldergrove received \$150 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Edward T. Crowle received \$100. Winning school Roy H. Crosby also won a \$100 gift certificate donated by Green Gables Books, and each of the top three schools received a small library of books donated by Canadian publishers.

Bringing greetings to the contestants were project partners and supporters, including Helen Walter, President of the Canadian Federation of University Women, Markham-Unionville; Catherine Biss, CEO of Markham Public Libraries; Jackie Young, Principal of Coppard Glen P.S., and Aimee Grant, Chair of the CFUW Battle of the Books Committee. Aimee presented a large bouquet of flowers to retiring Coppard Glen teacher-librarian Barbara Graham and expressed the gratitude of CFUW and the Battle of the Books Coordinating Committee for all her work in support of the event.

Battle of the Books is a literacy promotion program partnership of the Canadian Federation of University Women, Markham-Unionville, Markham Public Libraries and the teacher-librarians of the York Region District School Board and the York Region Catholic School Board.

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