

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

**CONGRATULATING AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY ON
WINNING THE 2016 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS READING
COMPETITION**

***I HEREBY CERTIFY**, that at the regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers of Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 1st day of September, 2016, a proclamation was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS, Battle of the Books is part of the overall New York State Summer Reading Initiative, encouraging children to read during the summer months in an effort to advance their academic performance, and focuses on fun activities and programs for school-aged children; and

WHEREAS, approximately 500 family and friends attended the 18th Annual Battle of the Books with a total of 28 teams representing 21 different local public libraries. Team members, comprised of dedicated young readers entering sixth through the ninth grade, spend months practicing challenging trivia questions pertaining to the same five preselected books before the big Battle event; and

WHEREAS, the Amherst Public Library, represented the Audubon, Clearfield, Eggertsville-Snyder and Williamsville branch libraries, took home the Gold Medal during the 2016 Battle of the Books Teen Reading Competition, presented by the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System; and

WHEREAS, members of the Gold Medal Amherst Library Team are: Rebecca Collins, age 13; Joseph Kenney, age 14; Colleen Stewart, age 12; Fiona Stewart, age 14; Freda Su, age 13; Madison Wang, age 13. The Amherst Library team was coached by Head Coach and Amherst Public Library Librarian Kristi Dougherty, and Assistant Coach Maureen O'Malley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pause in its deliberations to Congratulate and Honor the "Battle of the Books Teen Reading Competition" Gold Medal Winning Team from the Amherst Public Library.

Hon. Thomas A. Loughran
Erie County Legislator, 5th District
Minority Leader

Hon. Edward A. Rath III
Erie County Legislator, 6th District