

THUNDERBIRDS BOOK CLUB

Embark on an exciting reading journey this year! The Thunderbirds Book Club is open to fourth and fifth grade students at Hickory Flat. Book club meetings will be held after school on select Thursdays until 3:30 from August 27th to January 7th (see exact dates on back side of this page). All the books that we will read are 2026 – 2027 Tome It List books (see complete list on the back side of this page). We have copies of these books in the media center for students to borrow.

Students are asked to read their assigned books to prepare for the meetings. They will have two weeks to read each book. Books range from 182 to 339 pages each. During meetings, we will discuss the books in groups, complete graphic organizers to help us remember the books, discuss the books on Canvas, take online multiple choice quizzes over the books, and compete on the buzzers to test our knowledge of the books.

Our top five to ten readers will be chosen from the Thunderbirds Book Club members to represent Hickory Flat Elementary School at the Cherokee County Reading Bowl Competition February 27th. The competition consists of a panel of students who compete to answer questions about the Tome books. Our Reading Bowl team will be selected based on participation during meetings and points earned during mock competitions. These students will attend additional practices after school until 3:30 during January and February. Reading Bowl team students are asked to read and study practice questions for up to seven books from the list before February's competition.

Completed student applications are due by August 19. Students will be selected for the Thunderbirds Book Club based on the application. Once our club members have been selected, more information will be sent home with those students.

If you have any questions, please contact Thunderbirds Book Club sponsor Marissa Williams at Marissa.williams@cherokeek12.net. We look forward to working with our school's most dedicated readers!

CHEROKEE COUNTY READING BOWL BOOKS

2026 – 2027

- *Forever Ripley* by McCall Hoyle
- *Lola* by Karla Arenas Valenti
- *Reach* by Celesta Rimington
- *The Enemy's Daughter* by Ann Blankman
- *The Girl Who Kept the Castle* by Ryan Graudin
- *The Sherlock Society* by James Ponti
- *Where Only Storms Grow* by Alyssa Colman

THUNDERBIRD BOOK CLUB MEETING DATES

THURSDAYS 2:30-3:30

- August 27
- September 17
- October 22
- November 12
- December 10
- January 7
- March 4 (Book Club Party)

A letter will go home January 8th to the 5-10 students that will make our Reading Bowl Team. The letter will give meeting dates for January and February.

THUNDERBIRDS BOOK CLUB APPLICATION

Please return to Mrs. Williams by August 19, 2026!

Name: _____

Student ID (lunch number): _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Why do you want to join the Thunderbirds Book Club?

Who is your favorite author? Why?

What is your favorite book? Why?

How many books did you read last school year?
