

**2009 MASSACHUSETTS STATE BOOK CART DRILL TEAM COMPETITION  
RULES & REGISTRATION**

**Massachusetts Library Association Conference  
Thursday, May 7, 2009 - 4:30-6pm  
MassMutual Conference Center, Springfield, MA**



1. The number of teams will be limited to 8. The first 8 complete applications received will be accepted. An authorized representative of each team must sign and return one copy of these rules to Massachusetts Library Association (MLA), by April 15, 2009 along with a completed application and payment of \$25. Mail to Gerry Deyermond, Chairperson, MLA Paralibrarian Section c/o Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main Street, Andover, MA 01810.
2. DEMCO will supply up to 10 book carts for teams to use. MLA teams may *\*not\** bring their own carts. (Number of team members is *\*not\** limited).
3. All teams must check in to contest no later than **3 pm** at performance room (Ball Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at MLA Conference).
4. All teams must provide the completed information form along with the application, with the following information: name of the team captain, an email address to which correspondence from MLA may be directed; blurb about team and theme of performance; title of music. The captain will be the spokesperson for the team.
5. Teams must bring **2 copies of the CD** of their performance music to the Conference. A CD player will be provided. Please test each CD to assure it plays properly on multiple CD players.
6. Trophies will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Honorable Mention place teams. Three certificates will be awarded for Best Costumes; Best Decorated Carts; and WOW Factor!
7. Decision of the judges is final. Judging will be based on two criteria:
  - Technical Ability – organization, precision, unique moves, timeliness
  - Artistic Impression – overall performance, music, costumes, cart décor
8. Each team will be allotted 5 minutes to decorate their book carts prior to their performance. One end panel of each cart shall remain undecorated in order to display the DEMCO logo. Decorations must be easily removable to allow next team to decorate the carts. For reference, the supplied book carts will be DEMCO product 800344 – two tier (<http://www.demco.com> or page 997 of 2009 DEMCO catalog)

9. Maximum of **4 minutes for each routine**. If the team goes over the 4 minute time limit, .05 points for each 10 seconds over the 4 minutes will be deducted from the Technical Ability Score.
10. Cost of entry is **\$25.00 per team**, payable to MLA. The fee must be included with each team's application.
11. If MLA cancels the event, the entry fee will be returned in full. If a team cancels, thanks, you've made a wonderful tax deductible contribution to MLA Paralibrarian Section.
12. Questions should be directed to Gerry Deyermond, Chairperson, MLA Paralibrarian Section ([gdeyermond@mhl.org](mailto:gdeyermond@mhl.org)) or Allison Sloan DaSilva ([dasilva@noblenet.org](mailto:dasilva@noblenet.org)).
13. MLA plans to videotape this event for archival purposes.
14. MLA or DEMCO, Inc. cannot be responsible for injury or damage to person or property incurred during performance. Teams agree that they will indemnify and hold harmless of, from and against all claims, demands, actions, damages, loss, cost, liabilities, expenses and judgments recovered from or asserted against MLA or DEMCO, Inc. on account of injury or damage of property.
15. Any and all matters not specifically covered by the preceding rules and guidelines shall be subject solely to the decision of MLA. MLA shall have the full power to interpret, amend, and enforce these regulations provided any amendments, when made, are brought to the notice of the participants. Each participant agrees to abide by the forgoing rules and guidelines and by any amendments or additions thereto in conformance with the preceding sentence.
16. An authorized representative of each team must sign and return one copy of the rules to MLA, by April 15, 2009 along with an application and payment of \$25.00. Mail to Gerry Deyermond, Chairperson, MLA Paralibrarian Section c/o Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main Street, Andover, MA 01810.

<p>The Book Cart Drill Team representing the _____          (library name, town) agrees to abide by the above rules of the contest.</p> <p>Team Captain: _____ Phone: _____</p> <p>Signed: _____ Dated: _____          (designated representative/team captain)</p>
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