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▲ **The 2009 Battle of the Books Planning Committee** has been hard at work this summer – despite what the picture above may suggest! Twenty-one libraries are participating this year with over 200 teens! The Battle is coming up fast – Saturday, September 12th at the Roy C. Ketchum High School in Wappingers Falls – come cheer on the teams!

Pictured above, starting at 12:00: Maureen McGrath, Cold Spring; Karen Snare, Millbrook; Kelly Tomaseski, Esopus; JoAnn Di Salvo, Beekman; Lisa Prentiss, Staatsburg; Jim Cosgrove, Marlboro; Frank Rees, Kent; Erica Freudenberger, Tivoli; Marla Hill, Fishkill; Chris Pattantus, Wappingers; Linda Deubert, Coxsackie; Julie Johnson & Amy Thiel, Kinderhook

➔ **The Funding Task Force** has been working diligently to plan for the September 3rd Directors Retreat in Esopus. Task Force members are working toward facilitating a process that will engage all stakeholders in a discussion about the future of System funding and services.

Pictured right: (seated) Debra Kamecke, Cairo Public Library & Margie Menard, Kingston Library; (standing) Jeanne Buck, Reed Memorial Library in Carmel; Gillian Thorpe, Julia L. Butterfield Library in Cold Spring; Gloria Goverman, East Fishkill Community Library; Frank Rees, Kent Public Library; and Linda Deubert, Heermance Memorial Library in Coxsackie. Not shown: Sally Alderdice, Claverack Free Library; Pat Kaufman, Mahopac Public Library & Tom Lawrence, Poughkeepsie Public Library District

