

## H.B. Mattlin Middle School hosts second annual Literacy Cafe

H.B. Mattlin Middle School hosted its second annual Literacy Cafe from January 29th through February 7th. Transforming the library into a bustling hub of literary excitement, the Mattlin literacy team, led by school library media teacher Teri Polis, orchestrated a series of engaging activities and events designed to ignite a passion for reading among students.

From enchanting dress-up days to thought-provoking book discussions, the Literacy Cafe transported students on an adventure through the pages of their favorite stories. Each day brought new opportunities for exploration, with students eagerly delving into book questions and quotes that sparked their imagination.

The highlight of the event was an assembly led by local author Jen Calonita, captivating seventh and eighth grade students with tales of her literary journey and insights into the writing process. Additionally, Calonita conducted exclusive writing workshops for each fifth and sixth grade class, empowering young minds to develop their storytelling prowess.

Central to the event's mission was the cultivation of a deep-seated love for reading and literacy. As students navigated through the library, they embarked on a "Discover, Explore, and Take a tour" of recently published books, immersing themselves in a world of literary wonders. Actively participating in discussions, students savored a literary "book tasting," culminating in the exciting task of voting for their favorite titles.

The Literacy Café's success is a result of the vision and work of Mattlin's administration, the literacy team of Teri Polis, Rachel Diaz, Melissa Goscinski, Carina Hale, Pam Leeb, the generosity of the Mattlin PTA and the avid student-readers at MMS. Their commitment to nurturing a culture of literacy within the school community has paved the way for countless students to embark on lifelong journeys of discovery through the power of books.





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