



COURTESY PHOTOS



Book club

Recently, Alton Central School ELA teacher Mrs. Roberge held a “grand opening” for her fifth and sixth grade students to the “Roberge Book Club Cafe” in her classroom. The lights were dimmed, tealights (battery powered) adorned tables dressed in red linens, and on the menu, books with a side of pretzels and jazz. Students had a “tasting” of several different book clubs. They had a chance to read a synopsis of each book, rank them in order of interest, preference, and then read the first few pages. Students rotated to different tables and got a full plate of books to choose from by the end. Students really seemed to enjoy this activity and the transformation from classroom to cafe was amazing. By the end of each period, students had their books chosen and it was tough to get them to stop reading.