

## Ellenville Writers Tea

by Alyssa Ellis, Middle School student

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, the Ellenville fifth and sixth grade students and English teachers held their fifth annual *Historical Fiction Writers Tea* display. Students were given an assignment in which they must go back in time and write a journal, diary, short story, play, or newspaper article about any person and a specific event that person was involved in.

The sixth graders were allowed to research as far back in time as World War II and earlier. The fifth graders were able to do anything from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War. The display had everything from pharaohs to soldiers to inventors. Students were also told to dress up as their historical figure. The costumes really made people think they took a trip into the past. The costumes were lively and full of color. The kids' pieces were very well written as well as presented. As they read, you could hear the hard work they put into it.



Thirty-five students were selected from the three academies. A small portion of those students read to the elementary students. The other students read in the afternoon to their families.

ELA teachers who were involved were Robert Hanington (*above photo, seated, as Pharaoh*), Eda Nemeroff, and William O'Donnell. Also involved were Middle School librarian Katherine Lewin and student teachers Molly Heekin, and Natalie Skabetis.

The next student reading will be on April 30<sup>th</sup>; it will be a poetry reading. 🌟

## Literary Contest Answers:

by Denise Moore, Ellenville High School Librarian

Here are the answers to last month's quiz on literary lovers in which you had to match the couples' names with the works of literature in which they appear.

1. Emily & George (*Our Town*)
2. Becky & Tom (*Tom Sawyer*)
3. Valjean & Fantine (*Les Miserables*)
4. Lara & Yuri (*Dr. Zhivago*)
5. Roxanne & Cyrano (*Cyrano de Bergerac*)
6. Shug & Albert (*The Color Purple*)
7. Henry & Eliza (*Pygmalion or My Fair Lady*)
8. Jenny & Oliver (*Love Story*)
9. Abelard & Heloise (*The Letters of Peter Abelard and Heloise*)
10. Darcy & Elizabeth (*Pride & Prejudice*)
11. Heathcliff & Cathy (*Wuthering Heights*)
12. Pip & Estella (*Great Expectations*)
13. Rhett & Scarlett (*Gone With the Wind*)
14. Oberon & Titania (*Midsummer Night's Dream*)
15. Esmeralda & Quasimodo (*Hunchback of Notre Dame*) 🌟



Ellenville Middle School sixth grade students learned about medieval combat chivalry at a special program, held March 4<sup>th</sup>, in the Middle School Gym. Organized by Jeff Graham (a student teacher with Dianne Krulick), the performers explained the design of armor of the time period and the rules of combat. Using swords made of rattan, they demonstrated the combat procedure that they use, following what they learned as part of the Society for Creative Anachronism ([www.sga.org](http://www.sga.org)), a group dedicated to researching and recreating the Middle Ages in the present. Shown above with Mrs. Krulick and sixth graders are Jeff Graham ("Finn"), David Howells ("Dafydde ap Gladstone") and Jeff Mann ("Sir Geoffrey Fitzgalen").

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