HWMS Partners with SLU

The Adolescent Literacy Class at SLU, under the direction of Dr. Gerlinde Beckers, partnered with 45 middle school students at Hammond Westside Montessori Magnet School to establish a book club.

Mrs. Gwen Anderson and Mrs. Sharon Walker, master teachers at HWMS, organized the book club. Sue Courtney, Montessori Specialist, provided the novels that piqued the interest of the students.

The SLU and HWMS students meet bimonthly to read and share their thoughts about their novels. The book club has instilled a love for reading in the students, fostered relationships between the college and middle school students, and increased reading comprehension and vocabulary. The students at HWMS are enjoying rich literature.

Pictured: Rebecca Brown (SLU student), Jaelynn Ramsey, Kacie Dysart (SLU student), Erin Bell, and Brandon Jefferson

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