

BMS Project LIT Community’s Book Club is in need of **Funding** to provide books for the students in our Book Club and materials & ingredients/snacks for our meetings and **Community sponsors** to join us for our meetings

If you or your organization is able to sponsor one of our meetings, we would love to talk with you. Community organizations are welcome to lead the meeting that they sponsor, or just join us for a meeting. You are also welcome to provide funding only (if you supply bookplates with your organization’s name, we will gladly put them into the books that the students receive). If there is a book from the list of the Project LIT nominees that is related to the mission of your organization, we can select that book to be featured during the meeting that you sponsor. Please contact Kelly Passek, BMS Librarian, at kpassek@mcps.org if interested.

BMS has a chapter of the [Project LIT Book Club](#). This national grassroots movement brings books into communities that are book deserts and also brings culturally relevant books to all communities. Project LIT understands that books should be “mirrors, windows, and sliding glass doors.” Readers can see themselves reflected in books, gain insight into cultures other than their own, and have a way to access those cultures that may not be otherwise accessible to them.

Community involvement is a necessary part of Project LIT. We want our students to be able to have conversations with individuals that they may not have met otherwise. Individuals that can

bring personal experiences and knowledge to share with our students. We need sponsorship in two ways: financially to purchase books and supplies for our meetings, and community members/groups to join us for our discussions.

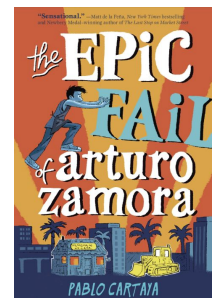
The BMS chapter of Project LIT meets once every nine weeks to discuss one of the Project LIT nominees. One book is chosen by club members for the entire group to read on their own. On meeting day, we discuss the topics/themes of the book, share food that was featured in the book, play a trivia game, and do an activity/craft inspired by the book.

Sample meeting:

Prior to the meeting:

Books are provided free of cost to the students and they are allowed to keep them or pass them along to someone else

30 members of our group were provided with a paperback copy of *The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora* by Pablo Cartaya



Meeting day

In attendance:

Dr Passek, sponsor;

Mr Whitten, founder and sponsor;

Ms Reyna, BMS Spanish teacher and parent of a club member

27 of our 32 student members from grades 6, 7 and 8!

Students were introduced to the mission of Project LIT and the history of our chapter--this was our first meeting of the year. We had members returning from our inaugural year and new members

Food was shared:

(Dr Passek and Ms Reyna donated the money to purchase ingredients, supplies and time to prepare the food):

Rice & Beans prepared by Ms Reyna who then talked about food traditions in the hispanic culture

Tres Leches cake prepared by Dr. Passek

Students watched a video by the author of a tour of Miami to show us his inspiration for places featured in the book
Students engaged in a discussion of the book. Discussion led by student member Korbinian Huber and Mr Whitten

Students played a trivia game created by Mr Whitten



