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According to librarian Meghan Battle, tie-breakers haven't been all that common. After all, it's not like the questions are easy.

"In the book 'The Door in the Lake', when Joey walks into the Minute Mart, he's wearing a shirt with what pictured on it?" and "In the book 'The Horizontal Man', what flavor chips was Larry eating when he did his laundry?" had voices rumbling, then raised in deafening cheers as the correct answers were read.

The team credited their coach, Kathleen Mroz, and a box of Altoid mints as key to keeping their cool.

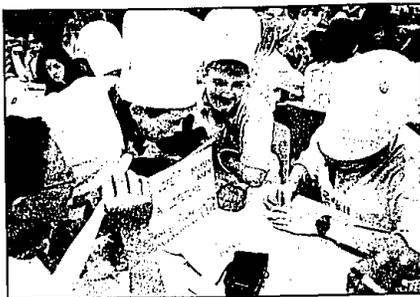
"She makes it fun," Alison Mroz said of her mom.

"We couldn't have done it without her," Sampangi added. Toward the end, McNeil admitted she was shaking. When the girls had consumed all the whole mints, they were shaking the dust out of the tin.

Dressed in "rock star groupie" poses, complete with backstage passes, the girls based their team name on the '60s rock band The Guess Who.

"We thought it sounded the best," Alison Mroz said. "We chose it from a list of about 30 bands."

Runners-up were the Island Chickies (Candice Yano, Anelle Beah, D.J. Hoebner, Michelle Pitt, Jenny Baker, Alyssa Moskala) from St. Fabian. Winners of the costume contest were



Cooking the books: *The Muffin Men*, Aaron Russ, Nick Bresso, Brad Balsis, Chris Callahan and Mychal Coker won first place in the costume competition.

the Muffin Men (Anron Russ, Nick Bresso, Brad Balsis, Chris Callahan, Mychal Coker), who were dressed as bakery chefs. Costume judges agreed their task was formidable. Kids dressed up in everything from Uncle Sam and Statue of Liberty patriotic garb to one group of girls who called themselves "Little Old Ladies Literary League." Judges were provided with a list of criteria that included elements like originality and uniqueness and a theme that worked with team names. Con-

testants were also rewarded for "creativity on a shoestring." "I'm looking for something emergency personnel in, without spending a lot of money," said judge and Hills Mayor Pro-Tom Christopher McRae. This was his first year as a judge. "I've heard from people this is something you have to see to believe, and I'm amazed," he said. "There's just something about seeing five little old ladies walking across the parking lot..."



Reading the crowd: *The Battle of the Books 2002* drew students from across the district. STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESSER

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Bouchard encouraged involvement in the first steps of the program through the contribution of cell phones no longer in use.

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