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## Author Spotlight

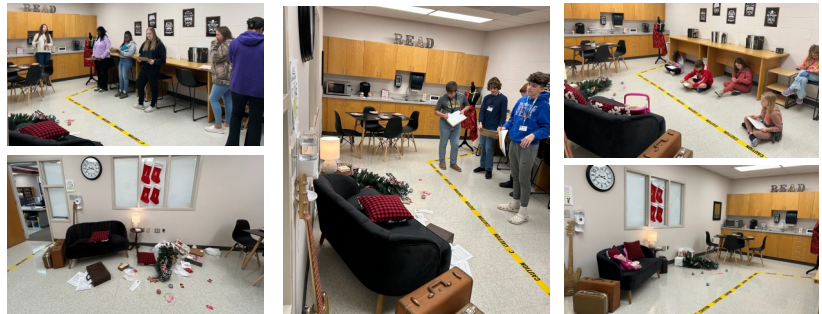


Lauren Tarshis is the award winning author of the *I Survived* book series. These books tell the story of famous historical events through the eyes of a young witness. One may assume that Lauren was always a good reader but she struggled with reading as a child and did not read books until high school. She challenged herself to become a stronger reader and succeeded. Book 24 of the *I Survived* series was released in October 2024. Each book in the series requires extensive research. In fact, when writing *I Survived the American Revolution*, Lauren read 33 nonfiction books to better understand this period in history. Her goal for writing is to “help ignite the curiosity of readers so they want to learn more on their own.” Click [here](https://school.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?aid=8851) to view the *I Survived* books in your library.

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## Detectives for a Day

JMS students put their detective skills to the test during a recent library visit. Upon entering the reading café, students discovered a mock scene that included an overturned Christmas tree, strewn presents, suitcases, cat toys, and a vacation countdown calendar, just to name a few. After studying the scene, students had to write down five observations and inferences for each observation. Next, students had to use this information to write a short story. Thank you students and ELA teachers for making this one of the best library days of 2024!



Special thanks to Amanda Stalvey for amazing ideas and props for this activity. Teamwork makes the dreamwork!

## 35 for 35 Initiative

JMS was chosen by the SC Council on the Holocaust to receive \$500 worth of books related to the Holocaust for our school library. We are one of only 35 SC schools to be selected as part of the council’s “35 for 35 Initiative” during the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. Click [here](#) to see our new books and read more about this initiative.