

Anna Mercier

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Anna is a high school English teacher at Franklin High School in Franklin, North Carolina and she's been sharing her love of reading with her county for 10 years. Students have referred to her classroom library as the "Not-So-Secret Secret Library" where they can get recommendations for new books, chat about old favorites, or pass around the most tattered copy of the latest BookTok craze.

Mrs. Mercier has developed a reputation for being able to find a book for even the most reluctant reader. If she doesn't know about a topic of interest, she'll become an expert overnight. Mrs. Mercier's instruction is student centered and focuses on current topics with any work they read. "If you liked this assignment, you should check out this book" should be written on her badge!

Mrs. Mercier's belief for her rural based students is that reading truly has the power to take you anywhere, and not just into the story. It has the ability to broaden student interests, deepen their understanding of themselves, and strengthen their connection to the world. The Book Love Foundation Grant will help her provide students with more diverse pathways to navigate their world and strengthen their voices.