

# **Kori Joelle Taylor**

*North Battleford, Saskatchewan*

Kori Joelle Taylor is heading into her second year of middle years in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, located on Treaty Six Territory here in the land now known as Canada. Her school is full of beautiful youth who deserve the absolute best, so she had this in mind when she applied for the grant. She is fortunate to have had access to countless novels for a classroom library thanks to educators who came before her and mentored her, but it is essential that the classroom libraries are up-to-date, built with student input and reflective of all our learners.

This grant is going to allow Kori to ensure her students are reflected in the books they are offered daily. In Ms. Taylor's classroom she emphasizes and celebrates reading, and she has started seeing her students do the same. Seeing them share a smile over something on a page, discuss their favorite moments in a narrative and even bicker over who the better hero in their stories is has been her greatest reward of entering education so far. She is so excited to tell her students we won this, because it will truly showcase how worth it they all are, not only to a young teacher, but to the world, too.