

# Lena Moore

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Lena is passionate about books and her classroom at Sheridan High School in Thornville, OH, is just a snapshot of the passion. When students enter her classroom on the first day of the semester, they are immediately surrounded by books. She has books on the whiteboard tray, on top of her classroom library shelves, on the counter at the side and back of her room, and anywhere else that she can display books from her classroom library. “Some of my students immediately start asking about the titles I display while others often groan and say “I hate reading.” It’s those students that make me smile and say to myself “challenge accepted.” I want to support my students who are already readers, but I also make it my goal to reach every single one of my students who show disinterest in reading. When they tell me that they hate reading, my first response to them is that they haven’t found the right book because there is a book, an author, and a genre out there for everyone. They just

need to be shown how to find it.” This is what has driven her passion of supporting independent and choice reading in her classroom for the last 20 years.