



Megan Alloway

I'm a middle school ELA teacher in Bridgewater, New Jersey, and my students read...a lot.

I've been pressing books into the hands of students for over 20 years and counting. I know that telling students to read isn't enough. Instead, I model a love of reading: trading recommendations, keeping track of books, varying genres, and learning with my students.

As a Book Love grant recipient, I'm excited to move my classroom library to the next level to help every student find their "just right" book and, more importantly, their reading identity.

♥ Books

- Read books you like
- Try different genres, including Manga & Graphic Novels
- Reread your favorites
- Vary easy, middle, and challenging books
- It's ok to "dump" a book you don't like
- Book talk with friends

What My Students Say

"When I read, I feel calm and settled. I never thought I would be this confident when reading books." - Bella

"Last year I barely read, and when I did, it was usually mandatory. Now, I find myself reading for fun and thinking of it as an activity and not a chore." - Roshni

"Reading is now one of my favorite hobbies, and I try to vary what I read." - Varnika

"I read 19 books this year. I only read 1 the year before." - Anthony

Ms. Alloway's 7th Grade Picks:

- *The Benefits of Being An Octopus*
- *When Stars are Scattered*
- *Echo Mountain*
- *Ghost Boys*
- *Refugee*
- *Piecing Me Together*