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Update inbox. Update inbox. Update inbox. It became an obsession. Did I win a Book Love grant?? After turning in my application in March, I just tried not to think about it. On the morning of July 1, I opened my email and there it was. An email from "Grant Application"... starting with the word "Congratulations"! The book shopping began, and my only concern was where I was going to put all these books, but that's a problem I would gladly figure out later.

I have taught for 15 years at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. I currently teach 9-12 English at a small school in Fargo, OK. My passion is pairing students with books I think they will love. My track record is pretty good too! With the help of this grant, I will be able to implement more book clubs with my classes, allowing more choices in their class selections. As a teacher new to this district, I implemented ten minutes of reading at the beginning of each class. I also introduced them to classroom book clubs. They were very receptive to both and most of my students admitted they enjoyed the book clubs. My overall goal is to make my students life long readers.

I am an avid reader and have a home library as well. My husband and three daughters think I have too many books. I say there's no such thing. I am thrilled and honored to be a part of the Book Love Foundation!

