

# **Lindsay Walker**

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Lindsay Walker is going into her 9th year teaching, and currently teaches grade 7 and 8 English Language Arts at Crowther Memorial Junior High School in Strathmore, Alberta, Canada. Lindsay is excited to use this grant in the fall to grow her classroom library in her rural town, particularly by adding more diverse voices to the collection. She would like every one of her students to see themselves represented in a book. As well, Lindsay thinks it is so important for students to build empathy and understanding through stories. One of her main goals is to build her graphic novel and non-fiction section of her classroom library. 'I find these are often first steps to hooking reluctant readers. Additionally, I find it easier to get students to read about social justice or characters different from themselves through a graphic novel rather than a novel.' We all have stories and we are all connected through stories.

Lindsay loves reading young adult fiction and sharing what she is reading with her students, and helping them to find a good book. She believes everyone is a reader; they just need to find the right book. Lindsay is grateful to the Book Love Foundation so she can build her classroom library, and so every student can find the right book.