

# Alanna Shivers

*Hamilton, MI*



Hello! My name is Alanna Shivers and I am honored to be a part of the BookLove community! I am a second year teacher at a small school in West Michigan. Being awarded this grant is significant in helping me build my classroom library. Currently, we (the english department) are working hard on establishing a school wide culture of choice reading. We believe that having dedicated classroom time to read personal choice books will help students build a deeper love of reading. To ensure that this goal is met, my students need access to a variety of books.

Additionally, I am incredibly passionate about ensuring that my students find books that interest them. I desire to have stories in my classroom that feature exposure to diverse cultures and perspectives. Furthermore, I try to ensure that all students feel connected to a book, whether it is through the setting, characters, or plot. I am specifically excited about this grant because it will allow me to purchase books in the hunting and fishing genre! Throughout the last year, I learned that this is a gap in my current classroom library. Teaching in a rural community that features an immense amount of students who are also hunters and fishers made this gap obvious within the first few weeks. Ultimately, I am super excited to be able to provide my students with more books that interest them!