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Ashley is a second year high school English teacher at her Alma Mater, Granite City High School in Southern Illinois. Ashley is an avid reader and her favorite moments in the classroom are when she is able to spark a love for reading in the students who maybe have distanced themselves from books. Having a classroom library where students have the choice to read books that are relevant to them, has helped her build a classroom community of readers. With this grant, Ashley plans to continue expanding her classroom library to incorporate new titles that will fly off of her shelves and into the hands of eager readers. Every day in her classroom students spend the first 10-15 minutes of class reading and writing in order to cultivate a community of well versed readers. Her most memorable stories are when former students come back to her classroom to check out new titles and continue building their love for reading!