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As a kid, my mom and I would go on trips to the bookstore or library at least two times a week. When I became a teacher, I knew that I wanted to have an expansive classroom library to bring the bookstore or public library experience to those who might not get to go and to offer a sense of consistency for those who do.

My library is perfect for the spectrum of readers I typically have each year - from the reluctant to the voracious, and everyone in between. By the end of the year, the formerly reluctant readers end up with a list of favorite books and head into fifth grade with the notion that reading is not as bad as they once thought. My

former students usually end up coming to my classroom library because they can always find a new title that they are excited to read and because they trust that I can pair them with their next best read.

As an evolving literacy teacher, I understand the importance of having, mirror, window, and sliding glass door books for my students to reflect the accomplishments of those who have gone before them, to connect to their personal life experiences, and to gain an understanding of the lives of those around them. The Book Love Grant will allow me to purchase more copies of diverse texts to get my students more engaged with reading.

Why I think miss
Harrison
should
get
more
books.

Miss Harrison's library is the perfect place to relax and read, she is always ordering more books, based on her students' preferences. When I was in third grade I didn't get the point of reading. However when I started fourth grade, Miss Harrison had inspired me to read, and before I knew it I was enjoying any book in her library and begging her to order more. Since Miss Harrison is so, so kind to everybody she would contact authors, and win raffles, to get us books that were just coming out. As a fifth grader, I still go to Miss Harrison's classroom to check out the books she orders. I think Miss Harrison should get more books to add to her library so that all her students can explore different types of genres, and love reading as much as I do.

Miss Harrison's
student,