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Sheila is entering her 14th year of teaching. She currently teaches 9th, 11th, and 12th grade English at Glenbard East High School in Lombard, Illinois. Her Love for reading began at a young age when her grandpa would recite “The Raven” to her before bed, when her mom would take her to the most magical place on Earth - the library, and when she was anxiously awaiting for the new Harry Potter book to be released (she’s a Ravenclaw, in case you were wondering).

She firmly believes that everyone is a reader at heart, and for students who believe that they are not readers, it’s just a matter of finding the right book that will light that passion that is within them. Alongside her colleagues, she has worked tirelessly to create a culture of reading her school through book clubs, independent reading conferences, and regular book talks.

Receiving this grant will allow her to build upon the library that she has been working on for years and have more opportunities for students to find their perfect match with a book. One of her favorite things in the classroom is “catching” her students reading .. is there anything better? Through reading the works of Penny Kittle, Kelly Gallagher, Rebekah O’Dell, and Allison Marchetti (a Book Love Foundation grant recipient in 2015), she understands the power of voice and choice in the classroom. When not in her classroom, she can be found at used bookstores and book fairs continuing the pursuit of matching her students with books. Sheila can’t wait to start the next school year with even more books for students to embark on their reading journey.