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Amy Bowden teaches in rural Oregon in the Willamina School District just west of the scenic Oregon Coast. She has taught high school language arts and journalism classes for more than a decade and was recently named one of Oregon's regional teachers of the year.

Amy's students affectionately refer to her classroom as "the school library" thanks to the Book Love Foundation grant. Upon receiving the first books from the grant, a student walked into her room, breathed in the new book smell, and said, "Oh! It smells like love in here."

Amy is a frequent presenter at the NCTE national convention and is an adjunct instructor at Western Oregon University, where she teaches a young adult literature course. She is also a freelance writer and author of *The Zero-Waste Lifestyle: Live Well By Throwing Away Less*.