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Some of Simone's earliest memories took place in the Oxnard public library, checking out 7 books at a time, another when she got in trouble in second grade because she went to the library and her parents thought she was lost; she didn't tell anyone she was going to the library after school, curled up with a book.

Still surrounded by books of all kinds, this bibliophile teacher, Simone Hobbs, has been teaching for about 25 years as a K-8th grade teacher. She started her career teaching Kindergarten in the Bay Area, and she currently teaches sixth grade in Orland, California at C.K. Price Middle School.

She has always loved reading, sharing her love of books, and exploring bookstores. Another childhood memory was series reading, including the Chronicles of Narnia. C.S. Lewis wrote "We read to know we are not alone," and this idea embodies what Simone would like her students to understand. With this grant, Simone will be able to provide more book club books to her students, which will complement the already extensive class library, wide range of book talks, and daily free choice reading selections, allowing everyone to find commonalities, shared experiences, and to celebrate our differences.