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My name is Jennifer Gallman, and I am an English teacher at Dorman High School in Roebuck, South Carolina. I have degrees from the University of South Carolina, Clemson University (go Tigers!), and Converse College.

This year, I will complete my thirteenth year of teaching high school and dual credit English, and there is no other career out there for me (except perhaps a librarian). One of the biggest joys in my life is putting a book into a student's hands and have that same student return for another book. In fact, I have one student now who has borrowed an entire shelf of Book Love Foundation books.

Winning the Book Love Foundation Grant is one of my biggest accomplishments because as teachers we rarely have the opportunity to put books into students' hands with money from our own pockets. Penny Kittle and the Book Love Foundation make this opportunity a reality for so many teachers each year.

I talk about the Book Love Foundation to all of my colleagues who seek to borrow books or ask for recommendations. Reading is a priority in my life; it is a way to relax, to forget about the world (bye 2020!), and see life from a different perspective. Reading and teaching, teaching and reading: these are synonymous for me, and learning from each other is the only way forward.