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I have been teaching high school English for twelve years in rural Indiana. While I started out as a "traditional" teacher (using books written eighty+ years ago that had been in the department resource room for nearly as long), my classroom was transformed by Book Love and 180 Days. After devoting class time to independent reading and building my library over time, I saw the power of bringing student choice into the classroom. When our only local bookstore announced it was closing its doors, I applied to the Book Love Foundation to help me grow my classroom library and continue offering students the books they want to read.

Thanks to Book Love, I have watched students discover the power of finding good books. Students who adamantly declared they didn't like reading were reading outside of class time and asking for the next book in the series. Providing good books to kids and the time to read them has created more readers in my classroom than any traditional teaching from my early years.