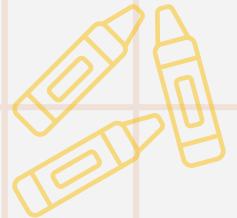


Book and

Project Grants

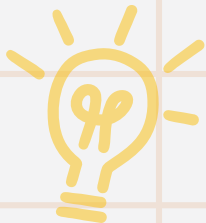


Classroom grants for
Illinois teachers to stock
your classroom library and
fund your newest project!



**Application deadline:
Friday, October 16, 2026**

**Teachers selected for funding will be
notified on or before November 13, 2026.**



Find the applications online at

<http://iaitc.co/bookgrants>

&

<http://iaitc.co/projectgrants>

Book Grant

Grant Amount: up to \$250.00

Apply for this grant for the opportunity to receive ag-accurate books for your classroom library to *integrate agriculture* into a variety of curriculum areas.

How it Works

1. Select one of the categories of books.
2. Choose any combination of books within that category up to \$250.00.
3. Apply for the grant at <http://iaitc.co/bookgrants> by Friday, October 16, 2026.
4. Successful grant recipients will:
 - Be notified via email by November 13, 2026.
 - Submit a Funding Agreement, signed by you and your building principal, by December 11, 2026. Failure to do so will forfeit the grant.
 - Receive your books shipped directly to your school.
 - Submit a Final Grant Report by Friday, May 28, 2027, to tell us how you used your books.

The Fine Print

- Classroom teachers and librarians in the state of Illinois are eligible to apply.
- Each educator may submit only one grant application.
- Book grants may be awarded to more than one educator in the same school.
- High school ag teachers may apply with an elementary teacher if their students/FFA members are working with a specific classroom.
- You may contact your county Ag Literacy Coordinator for help with this application.

Book Grant Categories

YA FOOD & FARMING BOOKS

TREES

SEASONS

BIOGRAPHIES IN
AGRICULTURE

AG &
TECHNOLOGY

GARDENS & GROWING

Books being offered in each category are listed on the next page.

Book Grant Books

TREES

<i>Sugar Shack</i>	by Lucy Knisley	Paperback	4-7	\$7
<i>A Tree is a Community</i>	by David Harrison	Hard Cover	K-3	\$9.50
<i>The Secret of Fall</i>	by John Coy	Hard Cover	K-3	\$9.50
<i>The Pine Cone's Secret</i>	by Hannah Barnaby	Hard Cover	K-3	\$7.50
<i>Once I Was a Tree</i>	by Eoin McLaughlin	Hard Cover	K-3	\$9.50

AG & TECHNOLOGY

<i>It's Corn Picking Time</i>	by Jill Esbaum	Hard Cover	K-4	\$9.50
<i>Outdoor Farm, Indoor Farm</i>	by Lindsay Metcalf	Hard Cover	1-4	\$9.50
<i>Tech on the Farm</i>	by Holly Dufek	Hard Cover	2-5	\$7
<i>Tractor</i>	by Sally Sutton	Board Book	K-2	\$4.50
<i>Book of the Microscope</i>	by Alice James	Hard Cover	4-8	\$8

SEASONS

<i>Corn</i>	by Gail Gibbons	Hard Cover	PK-3	\$8.50
<i>The Soil in Jackie's Garden</i>	by Peggy Thomas	Hard Cover	2-4	\$9.50
<i>Oh Say Can You Seed</i>	by Bonnie Worth	Hard Cover	K-4	\$5
<i>Zee Grows a Tree</i>	by Elizabeth Rusch	Hard Cover	K-3	\$9
<i>How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin?</i>	by Margaret McNamara	Hard Cover	K-2	\$8
<i>Apples for All: A Story about Grafting</i>	by Mary Peterson	Hard Cover	K-4	\$9.50
<i>Tales of the Dairy Godmother: Chuck's Ice Cream Wish</i>	by Viola Butler	Hard Cover	K-4	\$9

BIOGRAPHIES IN AGRICULTURE

<i>Hero for the Hungry</i>	by Peggy Thomas	Paperback	5-9	\$8
<i>Building an Orchestra of Hope</i>	by Carmen Oliver & Luisa Uribe	Hard Cover	K-3	\$9.50
<i>A Plate of Hope</i>	by Erin Frankel & Paola Escobar	Hard Cover	K-4	\$9.50
<i>Ice Cream Man</i>	by Glenda Armand & Kim Freeman	Hard Cover	K-3	\$9.50
<i>John Deere, That's Who!</i>	by Tracy Nelson Maurer	Hard Cover	K-3	\$9
<i>The Secret Garden of George Washington Carver</i>	by Gene Barretta	Paperback	K-4	\$5

GARDENS & GROWING

<i>Watch Me Grow: Butterflies</i>	by Sara Forster & Bianca Austria	Hard Cover	K-4	\$8
<i>The Weedy Garden</i>	by Margaret Renkl	Hard Cover	K-3	\$10
<i>Just Flowers</i>	by Erin Dealey	Hard Cover	K-4	\$9.50
<i>Tomatoes on Trial</i>	by Lindsay Metcalf	Hard Cover	3-6	\$9.50
<i>I Love Blueberries!</i>	by Shannon Anderson	Hard Cover	K-4	\$9.50

YA FOOD & FARMING BOOKS

<i>Sweet, Tart</i>	by Kara Thom	Hard Cover	5-8	\$9.50
<i>The Monarch Effect</i>	by Dana Church	Hard Cover	4-8	\$10
<i>Nature's Best Hope</i>	by Douglas Tallamy	Paperback	4-8	\$4.50
<i>The Wild River and the Great Dam</i>	by Simon Boughton	Hard Cover	5-9	\$10
<i>Birdy</i>	by N. West Moss	Hardcover	5-8	\$9
<i>The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate</i>	by Jacqueline Kelly	Paperback	5-8	\$5

Project Grant

Grant Amount: up to \$300.00

Apply for this grant for the opportunity to fund projects for integrating agricultural literacy in the classroom.

How it Works

1. Design a project for integrating agriculture into a variety of curriculum areas.
2. Make note of materials needed to complete your project.
3. Apply for the grant at <http://iaitc.co/projectgrants> by Friday, October 16, 2026.
4. Successful grant recipients will:
 - Be notified via email by **November 13, 2026**.
 - Submit a Funding Agreement, signed by you and your building principal, by **December 11, 2026**. Failure to do so will forfeit the grant.
 - Receive a check for the agreed-upon amount from your grant application to purchase materials.
 - Submit a Final Grant Report by **Friday, May 28, 2027**, to tell us how your project went.

The Fine Print

- This grant will not fund consumable items, field trips, plants, or incubators. Priority will be given to grants that contain materials for use over multiple school years.
- Reviewers recommend that your grant request be used in its entirety for one specific project rather than linked to other potential funding.
- Each teacher may submit only one grant application.
- Project grants may be awarded to more than one teacher in the same school.
- High school ag teachers may apply with an elementary teacher if their students/FFA members are working with a specific classroom.
- You may contact your county Ag Literacy Coordinator for help with this application.

Virtual Get-a-Grant Workshop

Join us via Zoom for examples of previous Book & Project Grants to gain inspiration for ways to integrate ag into your curriculum!

Tuesday, August 4th @ 10AM

Visit iaitc.co/getagrant to register!

