

Congratulations to Julianna Chen who was recently awarded the Anita Voelker Literacy Award!



"The Anita Voelker Literacy Award helped me work towards enacting change by introducing other teachers to the issue of lack of representation in text and inspiring others on the journey of empowering our students through literacy. Diverse groupings of books were distributed to local classrooms in different grade levels. My hope was that these texts would be used in the classroom as not only a mirror for kids to see themselves, but also a lens through which others could understand the narratives around them."

These were the books purchased with the award. See the breakdown of how they were used below.



Middle School/High School Art: Harrisburg Christian School, Mr. Dean Velez

Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines, Harvey, Jeanne Walker
Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, Steptoe, Javaka

7th grade: Mechanicsburg Middle School, Mrs. Chloe George

Merci Suárez Changes Gears, Medina, Meg
The Parker Inheritance (Scholastic Gold), Johnson, Varian

2nd Grade: Upper Allen Elementary School, Mrs. Megan King

The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family, Muhammad, Ibtihaj
The Day You Begin, Woodson, Jacqueline
You Matter, Robinson, Christian

After School Program in Harrisburg: through the Journey Church, contact Ms. Christie Miller

The Lorax (Classic Seuss), Dr. Seuss
Rock Star #1 (Jada Jones), Lyons, Kelly Starling