

Buckeye Book Fair
Literacy Awards
For Ohio Teachers & Librarians

In order to promote Ohio's writers and illustrators and to encourage reading, the Buckeye Book Fair will award up to \$3000 in Literacy Awards to Ohio schools, libraries, or reading groups.

Qualifications & Guidelines

The Buckeye Book Fair is inviting you to apply for an opportunity to receive free books from the Buckeye Book Fair or to have a Buckeye Book Fair author or illustrator visit your school, library, or reading group.

QUALIFICATIONS – This program is open to Ohio nonprofit organizations, Ohio public and community libraries, and Ohio public and private schools that have a special project using the Buckeye Book Fair's books and authors.

GUIDELINES – Proposals for receiving a Buckeye Book Fair literacy award are to show new and creative ways to encourage reading and to promote Ohio topics. In the narrative section, choose only one application option.

- 1) Application Option One – For a gift certificate for free books.
- 2) Application Option Two – For a free author or artist visit.

DEADLINE – Applications must be submitted prior to or on the deadline of May 31st annually. Email your application to *buckeyebookfair@gmail.com*.

EVALUATION – In evaluating applications to determine the recipients, the Buckeye Book Fair Literacy Awards Committee will consider the impact of the award (including financial need) and evidence of careful planning in preparing the literacy project.

WINNERS – Winners will be notified by email and mail by September 30 annually. Please email questions to *buckeyebookfair@gmail.com*.

**Buckeye Book Fair
Literacy Award Application**

Name of Your School, Library, or Reading Program:	
School District, Library District, or Associated Nonprofit Entity (if applicable):	
Street Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Contact Person:	
Contact Person Email:	

Select only one application option:

Application Option 1 – Book Award

Application Option 2 – Author or Illustrator Award

To be considered to receive a literacy award, we agree we will provide the Buckeye Book Fair with a report which should include photos, publicity, or videos documenting the award impact by February Annually.

Authorized Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

IMPORTANT: This application MUST be signed by your Library Director, School Superintendent, School Principal, Treasurer, or the individual at your nonprofit who is authorized to enter into financial agreements.

Application Form for \$350 in Free Books from the 2021 Buckeye Book Fair

_____ Application Option 1 – One Gift Certificate

How many people will this application serve? What ages / grades?	
Approximately how many books are in your collection? Briefly describe the challenges you face in maintaining this collection that this application will help address.	
What is your annual budget for the purchase of books?	
NARRATIVE (250-500 words): Describe how you will use your book fair books to encourage reading and promote Ohio topics to a specific audience.	

_____ Application Option 2 – Multiple Gift Certificates for Multiple Individuals

What age / subject / reading program do you teach?	
Exactly how many individuals will be awarded gift certificates? (20 max, which can include the instructor—each will receive a \$25 gift certificate)	
How will your group get to the Nov 6, 2021 Buckeye Book Fair?	
NARRATIVE (100-250 words): Describe who will receive the gift certificates and how you will use this opportunity to increase participation in your reading or writing program.	

Application Form for an Author or Illustrator Visit

Please familiarize yourself with the list of participating Ohio authors, illustrators, and photographers and their online profiles at www.BuckeyeBookFair.org

<p>Which Buckeye Book Fair author, illustrator, or photographer are you requesting for an author visit? <i>(Author availability cannot be guaranteed.)</i></p>	
<p>Tie-in to BBF program area:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Library Cards Project. Report the number of students signed up for library cards or reading programs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Young Authors. Include with your application at least 5 student recreational writing projects. (Info)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reading Groups. Report numbers of participants (Increasing? By how much?).</p>
<p>Choose 3 possible dates for the author's visit between October and December:</p>	<p>First choice, date & time:</p> <p>Second choice, date & time:</p> <p>Third choice, date & time:</p>
<p>Briefly describe the host (your organization or group) and the audience (public, private, age, grade, interests).</p>	
<p>Give an estimate of the number of individuals in the audience.</p>	
<p>Which titles and how many copies of the author's books do you have available in your class or library?</p>	
<p>NARRATIVE (~250-500 words) Please describe the unique project you have designed to use this author's visit and their book to engage intellectual discussion and promote reading. How are literary or Ohio topics significant to this project?</p>	