



Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation

10th Annual Agriculture in the Classroom

LITERACY PROJECT

INSPIRATION FOR GROWING MINDS

The annual AITC Literacy Project improves both the literacy of Oregon's young readers and their knowledge of agriculture. Who better to help with this project than members of Oregon's agricultural community. Last year over 757 amazing volunteers read to 21,354 students in 902 classes across the state.

- ➔ ALL BOOKS AND MATERIALS PROVIDED FOR **FREE**
- ➔ ALL MATERIALS MEET OREGON ESSENTIAL SKILLS AND STANDARDS
- ➔ TRAINED VOLUNTEERS READ TO STUDENTS AND FACILITATE ACTIVITY



HOW IT WORKS

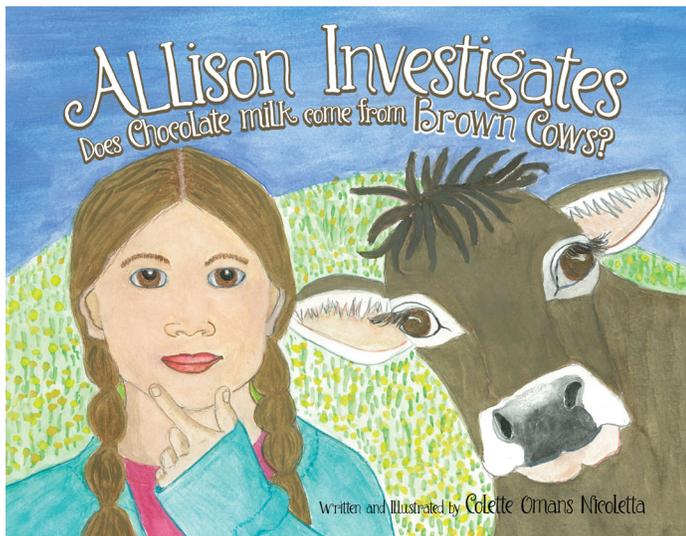
Trained volunteers visit local schools and read the Literacy Project's featured book to students in grades K-4. Volunteers then do a fun, hands-on lesson with the students to reinforce the book's message and share their personal connection to agriculture. Start to finish, it takes about 45 minutes of class time.

Learn more and sign up at:

OREGONAITC.ORG

MARCH 6 - JUNE 9

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A STORY OF DISCOVERY

Allison Investigates: Does Chocolate Milk Come from Brown Cows? is a fun and engaging story about curious and inquisitive Allison, who questions that chocolate milk comes from brown cows. One morning, she sets off on an investigation to discover the truth for herself! Filled with cows, farms and fun, this book helps readers discover the journey of milk from cows to you!

The 2017 AITC Literacy Project is generously supported by:



TEN YEARS OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

This is the tenth year AITC has held its statewide spring Literacy Project. The first year 130 volunteers read to 7,316 students in 312 classes. It was a great start for a new project. Each year, AITC works hard to select books and activities that will resonate with teachers and students, and the momentum has grown. In fact, last spring over 757 volunteers read to 21,354 students in 902 classes!

In order to extend the life of this project, each of the past Literacy Project books and activities (with supplies for a classroom) can be checked out through AITC's Free Loan Library. There are currently nine literacy kits available for grades K-4. Next school year you will be able to find *Allison Investigates* and the accompanying activity on our website!

BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

Volunteer training is in the spring at the Oregon FFA Convention and the Oregon Women for Agriculture Convention. Groups can schedule trainings for their members. Plus, step-by-step instructions and videos are available online at :

oregonaitc.org/trainingevents/literacy-project/

UPCOMING TRAININGS

Oregon Women for Agriculture Convention
February 18, 2017
Silverton, Oregon

Oregon FFA Convention
March 26, 2017
Redmond, Oregon

"Your well trained, enthusiastic volunteers provided a rich in-class experience. My kids LOVED the presentation! I hope we can have you again next year."

Laurie Aguirre
2nd Grade Teacher, Forest Ridge Elementary

ABOUT OREGON AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM FOUNDATION

Agriculture is all around us. It is the source of our food, our clothing, our shelter and so much more. As our planet's population continues to grow it is vital to educate students about agriculture, the environment and the roles they will play in the future.

At Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation (AITC) our mission is to educate Oregon's K-12 students about agriculture, the environment and natural resources. Agriculture can easily be woven into science, math, social studies, geography, literature and art lessons. AITC encourages and supports educators throughout the state by providing curriculum and materials, as well as training, free of charge.

AITC offers teachers and students interactive ways to engage in core subject areas, like science, math, social studies, language arts and nutrition. Last year AITC reached over 160,000 Oregon students, grades K-12, from all 36 counties.



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Free Loan Library: Teachers can check out books, DVDs, kits and instructional units and materials on topics such as plants, animals, conservation, food and nutrition.

Web Resources: AITC's website offers literally hundreds of resources, lessons, maps and tools for classrooms free of charge.

Growing Minds: AITC's teacher focused resource guide features educational events and materials for grades K-12.

Teacher Trainings: Teachers learn how to use materials with agricultural themes to enrich core subjects.