

# Ag Literacy Week Volunteers Needed!

In March 2023 over 50 volunteers from the agricultural community read to 147 classrooms and over 2400 students across Chautauqua County in an effort to increase Agricultural Literacy. Agricultural Literacy Week is a celebration of our county's heritage and our number one industry that works to produce healthy, local food 365 days a year! Students and teachers will benefit from hands on lessons and receive follow up activities.



*I LOVE Strawberries!*

Written by Shannon Anderson

Art by Jaclyn Sinquett

Jolie LOVES strawberries - and she's on an unstoppable mission to grow her own food from seedling to table in this colorful introduction to the joy of growing the popular perennial. Creating a garden calendar and notebook, how strawberries grow, what pests and beneficial insects to look out for in a garden, and how a good gardener takes care of strawberry plants are all explained through Jolie's comical scrapbook-style journal entries.

Young readers will learn how she convinces the "old people" (aka her parents) to let her grow her own strawberries. Growing strawberries is a lot of work and responsibility, but Jolie is ready with the help of her faithful rabbit Munchy! Together they find out just how delicious, rewarding, and sometimes complicated it can be to grow your own food.

## We need your help!

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County would like your assistance in acquiring funds and volunteer readers. By making a donation, you will help our county provide books and supplies to area schools along with classroom guides and activities, as well as funds to support the continuation of this program!

Please complete the form below and return it to the new office location— JCC Carnahan Center; 525 Falconer Street; P.O. Box 525; Jamestown, NY 14702-0020. GPS address is '241 James Ave'

**By March 1st, 2024**

Contact Josie Allen with any questions at [jala298@cornell.edu](mailto:jala298@cornell.edu) or 716-664-9502 Ex. 216

This year we are asking for donations of any amount to cover the entire program.

**ALL** donors will be recognized in **EVERY** book!

### Ag Literacy Volunteer/Donation Sign Up

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to: (please circle all that apply)      **Read**      **Donate** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(to the CCE Chautauqua Cty. Ag Literacy Fund)

Bookplate to read: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred reading location(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Reading times will be during school hours, please circle which days you would be available.

**Mon. Mar 18**

**Tues. Mar 19**

**Wed. Mar 20**

**Thurs. Mar 21**

**Fri. Mar 22**

Donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

**Mail Form to: Josie Allen; ATTN Ag Literacy Week; 525 Falconer St. PO Box 525 Jamestown NY 14702**