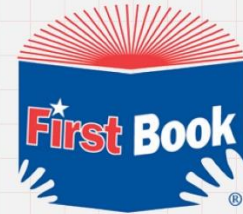


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The Advisory Bulletin

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August 13, 2018

**Dear Teachers,**

**CO-CHAIRS**

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Welcome to First Book Bakersfield. Our organization is a part of the National First Book organization ([www.firstbook.org](http://www.firstbook.org)). Our mission is to provide books for children in pre-school through grade 2 to begin a home library. First Book Bakersfield was developed in 2001 by a Local Advisory Board (LAB) of community members and educators. Each year the LAB hosts fundraising activities and then uses the money raised to purchase new books.

First Book Bakersfield only grants books to classrooms of students either in pre-school or in grades K-2. Book grants are awarded to teachers who write a competitive grant application for their classroom. Grants will not be awarded to writers of poorly written grants or grants that appear to have been written by one teacher and copied for the others in the grade level/school. First Book Bakersfield generally awards between 10 and 20 classroom grants.

If awarded a First Book Bakersfield grant, you will be given enough books for each student in your class to receive 5 new books during the course of the school year. Books are to be distributed over the course of the school year and sent home with students.

Grants for the 2018-19 school year are due no later than October 24, 2018. Send completed applications to

Office of Mary C. Barlow  
Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office  
First Book Bakersfield, c/o Teresa Twisselman,  
1300 17th Street,  
Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Applications may be e-mailed to [Teresa Twisselman at \[tetwisselman@kern.org\]\(mailto:Teresa.Twisselman@kern.org\)](mailto:Teresa.Twisselman@kern.org).

Or, applications may be dropped to Teresa Twisselman at the Kern County Superintendent of School Office, 1300 17th Street, Bakersfield, 5th floor.

Good luck and happy reading.

Sincerely,  
Teresa Twisselman





## First Book Advisory Board Grant Application

Applications will only be accepted from classroom teachers of students **Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade**. Any books received from this program must be sent home with students to start a personal library. Applications will be accepted until October 24, 2018.

Please submit your completed application to First Book Bakersfield via email to [tetwisselman@kern.org](mailto:tetwisselman@kern.org) or by mail to:

Office of Mary C. Barlow  
1300 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
Attn: Teresa Twisselman

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of students in class: \_\_\_\_\_

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

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously received a grant from First Book Bakersfield? Yes  No

1. Describe the demographics of your class/school including the percentage of students who receive free or reduced price lunches.

**2. Describe the classroom activities and the process by which the books from this grant will be presented to students and sent home including when the book distribution will begin and end. Plan on each student receiving 5 books.**

**3. Describe how the students in your class will benefit from receiving these books?**

**4. Please provide any other information you would like First Book Bakersfield to consider as we read your application.**

For questions regarding First Book Bakersfield, please contact Teresa Twisselman at 661-636-4645 or by e-mail at [tetwisselman@kern.org](mailto:tetwisselman@kern.org).