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**Book Trust Announces 2020 Schatz Family Teacher of the Year Award**  
*Philip H. Sheridan School Teacher Earns Honor Among Nationwide Nominees*

**Philadelphia** – Book Trust today announced that Philip H. Sheridan Teacher Diana Ryan has been named the 2020 Schatz Family Teacher of the Year. Ryan was chosen for the honor among teacher nominees dedicated to early literacy from across the country.

In its third year, the Book Trust Schatz Family Teacher of the Year Award recognizes teachers who best exemplify Book Trust’s mission of engaging every child in book choice and ownership, cultivating literacy-rich communities. Ryan was nominated by a colleague and second-grade teacher, Allyson Greco at the Lewis Elkin School. Greco said, “Ms. Ryan encourages students to fall in love with books and empowers students to let books be their joy and love.”

The award was presented to Ryan virtually on a video call with Book Trust Founders Jill Schatz and Adrienne Schatz. “Teachers have always been key to the impact Book Trust makes in helping kids discover the joy and power of reading. We are grateful to Diana Ryan and teachers nationwide for the role they play in the lives of their students,” said Adrienne Schatz.

Book Trust President and CEO Kellie O’Keefe, who also participated in the video presentation, said, “Philadelphia School District teachers have been delivering the Book Trust program with incredible commitment. We’re grateful to them, along with partners William Penn and Scholastic Book Clubs, that help us make Book Trust possible for students at Philip H. Sheridan and in 37 additional elementary schools in Philadelphia.”

Through the Book Trust program, 453 Philip H. Sheridan students in kindergarten through third grade chose more than 5,172 new books that they celebrated, read, and took home to share with friends and families and start home libraries.

Book Trust and The School District of Philadelphia, along with William Penn and other donors, are partnering over the next three years to expand Book Trust’s program to reach all of the District’s 150 elementary schools and an estimated 40,000 kindergarten to third-grade students.

Across the country this school year, Book Trust engaged more than 57,000 students in choosing and owning books.

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**About Book Trust**

Book Trust is a national early literacy organization with a vision that every child discovers the joy and power of reading to create limitless possibilities. Book Trust engages every child in book choice and ownership, cultivating literacy-rich communities. Founded in Fort Collins, CO in 2001 by the Schatz Family and supporting one classroom of kids, Book Trust has since grown to 21 states, from Hawaii to New York, and annually supports 57,000 children in choosing and owning more than one million books. Through the organization's key partnership with Scholastic Book Clubs, Book Trust students can choose from a variety of genres, languages, and reading levels. Learn more at [booktrust.org](http://booktrust.org).