

DUBUQUE COUNTY EDUCATION OUTREACH NEWSLETTER



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Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing break and are ready for a fresh new year!

Like many, I like to take time to think about goals for the upcoming year. This year we are excited to bring back our hatching program, continue to grow our program and connect with more classrooms. I hope that your goals include incorporating agricultural literacy into your curriculum. We would love to help with that goal through free programming and resources! We are a FREE tool to help you make real-world connections to the standards you are teaching in your classroom!

I hope your first few days back in the classroom have been rewarding and full of smiles. Please don't hesitate to reach out if there is anything I can assist you with. Have a wonderful January!

Sincerely,
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Blair Teresa Ambrosy joined the world December 2nd. Rachel will be on leave until February put please reach out with any needs and she will do her best to assist you!



January Featured Resources

Click on the resource to go directly there!

Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation

- [Animals in Iowa \(3rd-5th grade\)](#)
- [Brazilian Armadillo Challenge \(6th-8th grade\)](#)

National Agriculture in the Classroom

- [Farm Animal Match \(PK-2nd grade\)](#)
- [Say Cheese for Protein \(9th-12th grade\)](#)



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- High Steaks Beef Marketing Contest
- Chick Hatching Program
- Online Professional Development Course
- Program Resources

Teacher Supplement Grant Applications Due Soon



Applications for the 2022 Teacher Supplement Grant from the Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation in partnership with the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation are due January 9, 2022. Teachers in grades PK-12th and all grade levels are encouraged to apply for this grant to help with the implementation of agricultural literacy into their classrooms. Teachers can request up to \$250. Grants can be used for supplies, books, field trips, and more!

For more information and to apply, please go to [iowaag_teachergrant \(webportalapp.com\)](http://iowaag_teachergrant.webportalapp.com).

Chick Hatching Program Returning for the 2nd Year

We are excited to announce the return of our Chick Hatching Program for the Spring of 2022!

Similar to last year, there will be two rounds of hatching with the first taking place towards the end of March and the second round taking place the middle of April. Two classrooms will be selected for each round. Teachers will be supplied with all the necessary supplies (including fertilized eggs, incubator, feeders and more!) to hatch chicks right in their classroom. This program is a great way to bring important life science standards to life (literally!) right in the classroom, all while learning about chickens, careers in agriculture and responsibility!

More information and applications will be available beginning in February. If you have questions about the program, please reach out to Education Outreach Coordinator Rachel Ambrosy at rachel.ambrosy@ifbf.org.



Register Today for High Steaks Beef Marketing Contest

Looking for a fun, engaging, cross-curricular project for your students? Check out the High Steaks Beef Marketing Competition from Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation and the Iowa Beef Council.

This contest is open to students in grades 3rd-12th. Students will develop a marketing strategy for a beef product of their choice. Students will learn about careers in agriculture, nutrition, beef production and more! The contest is broken down in three divisions: 3rd-5th grade, Middle School, and High School. Prizes (including money!) will be awarded to the top three classrooms in each division.

For complete contest rules and registration, please go to High Steaks! Registration 2022 ([jotform.com](https://www.jotform.com)). Registration is due March 1st.



IALF Offering Online Professional Development Course

Are you looking for new books to use in the classroom? Or are you wanting to gain a deeper understanding of how agriculture is represented in literature? IALF is offering a five-week online class through the Area Education Association (AEA) this spring. Through the course, A Bushel of Stories: Using Children's Literature to Teach the Writing Process and History of Agriculture, learn new ways to introduce literacy concepts, social studies concepts, and research skills to students using agriculture as a framework. Gain a deeper understanding of how agriculture has changed throughout the decades, and how those changes are depicted in literature.

Throughout the course you'll have the opportunity to learn from current writers, engage with hands-on activities, and create your own story!

This is a one-credit course that requires a minimum of 15 hours online, plus an additional 30 hours of reading, research/discovery, and curriculum development.

Graduate credit is available through Drake University or Morningside College for \$130. Licensure renewal credit is available from AEA for \$35. Registration can be done online by creating an account in the Professional Learning Registration System. Once an account is created (which could take up to 24 hours), login and search for the course number 201969. Then follow the links to register for the course.



DUBUQUE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Agriculture in the Classroom

Agriculture in the Classroom Resources

- **FarmChat:** Bring the farm to the classroom! Using technology such as Skype, Google Hangouts, and Face Time, take a virtual field trip of a modern farm or other agriculture business without having to worry about weather and transportation.
- **Teacher Supplement Grants:** The Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation in partnership with the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation offers grants up to \$200 to support the integration of agriculture into regular classroom instruction or after school programs with an academic focus. Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher Supplement Grants are designed to initiate new projects or expand existing projects that promote agriculture literacy. Grants can be used to fund innovative lessons, activities, classroom resources, guest speakers, outreach programs, field trips and other projects. Applications are available in the fall.
- **Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation:** Looking for some great hands-on lessons? Books? Kits? Then Iowa Ag Literacy Foundation is the answer. Their lessons are tied into the Iowa CORE and they have an expansive lending library of DVDs, books and kits that are available for check-out. They also offer links to grants and other publications. Check them out at www.iowaagliteracy.org
- **National Agriculture in the Classroom:** This site offers a MASSIVE collection of lesson plans, multimedia links, book recommendations, and activities that you can adapt for your classroom. You can find them at www.agclassroom.org
- **Classroom Visits:** We would love to come in and do an interactive lesson with your students. All visits are **FREE** of cost to you and your school. We have volunteers who enjoy coming in and teaching real-life applications of what they are learning in the classroom. We can create lessons to correlate what students are learning in the classroom as well.
- **Website:** Your go-to source for links, upcoming events, information and much more! Find us at <https://dubuqueaitc.weebly.com/>

***Want more information? Contact Education Outreach Coordinator Rachel Ambrosy at
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We are here as a tool to serve you anyway we can. We are available to all grade levels & subject areas for schools in Dubuque County.