

Larry, a veteran high school English teacher at Lindenwold High School, started BookSmiles in September 2017. Always an avid reader, he graduated from the University of Rochester with a BA in English and a day later received a commission as an officer in the US Navy.

After his discharge, he became a Kinko's manager while completing his Masters in Teaching at The College of New Jersey. He has taught high school English for over twenty years.

“Kids who grow up with books come to my classroom reading at or beyond grade level. Kids who lack books struggle with fundamentals. I see it first-hand, every day.” He believes that all children can have a personal library and he knows that an alliance of educators, parents, and literacy warriors can make it happen.

Larry lives in South Jersey with his wife and two cats. His children are grown.