Lizzie Shacklett—BookSmiles Ambassador

A native of Radnor, Pennsylvania, Lizzie Shacklett is an author, non-profit founder, advocate for children's literacy, honors student, competitive Irish step dancer, and Miss Pennsylvania's Teen 2023.

Lizzie is currently a sophomore at The Agnes Irwin School where she has attended since pre-kindergarten, minus a four-year stint at the Stamford American International School in Singapore.

As a competitive Irish step dancer, Lizzie is a World Medal Holder, placing 7th at the World Irish Dance Championships in Montreal, Canada in April 2023. Lizzie has also placed top 2 at the North American Irish Dance Championships, top 5 at the All Scotland Championships, and top 10 at the All Ireland Championships.

As an advocate, Lizzie founded the nonprofit, Literacy Is Lit, to collect and distribute books to organizations that support children who lack access to the academic resources they need to succeed. One in four children in America grow up without learning how to read, and as an avid reader Lizzie would like to change that statistic. Lizzie has donated over 7,500 books to BookSmiles to date.