BUFFALO AUTHOR ON NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL READING LIST

*Is it True?*, a collection of humorous children’s poems by Wyoming Poet Laureate Eugene Gagliano and illustrated by Sarah Bradstreet, was featured this month at the 2018 National Book Festival as part of the “Discover Great Places Through Reading” list. The festival took place in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, September 1.

“Discover Great Places Through Reading” is an annual list of books representing the literary heritage of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The list is distributed by the Library of Congress’s Center for the Book during the National Book Festival.

Gagliano’s book was selected by the Wyoming State Library as part of its Center for the Book program. Each book is selected by a Center for the Book state affiliate or state library, and most are for children and young readers. Books may be written by authors from the state, take place in the state or celebrate the state’s culture and heritage.

Gagliano is a retired elementary school teacher from Buffalo and is the eighth Poet Laureate in state history. He is a recipient of the 2001 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award and the International Reading Association’s 2004 Wyoming State Literacy Award. Some of his published works include *Dee and the Mammoth; C is for Cowboy, a Wyoming Alphabet; Four Wheels West, a Wyoming Number Book; My Teacher Dances on the Desk; Prairie Parcels*; and his most recent book, *Wedge of Fear*. His board book *Little Wyoming* was Wyoming’s “Discover Great Places” pick for the 2013 National Book Festival.

The full “Discover Great Places Through Reading” list may be found on the Library of Congress website at [www.read.gov/greatreads/](http://www.read.gov/greatreads/). To learn more about Gagliano, visit his website at [www.gargene.com](http://www.gargene.com).

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