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Story of Hope:

Girls Can Do It Too!’ Case High School teacher writes book about girls in trades jobs



Kidia Burns recently published the children's book "Girls Can Do It Too!" Burns said she “wanted to get a book to get the word out to these girls ... and get them interested in the trades and let them know that it’s OK to pick up a wrench or a hammer or a caliper or a micrometer.” By Ryan Patterson

RACINE — As a kid, Kidia Burns saw her mother come home from her punch press operator job with metal chips in her hair and carrying oily shop rags.

She thought it was cool to see a strong woman working a trade job, and with her mother as an inspiration, Burns was a machinist for about 20 years. Burns loved the hands-on job, but there were not many women working with her. A new children’s book Burns wrote aims to change that “Girls Can Do It

Too!” was published earlier this month and is available [online through Barnes & Noble](#). To learn more about Kidia and her book, click on this link [Girls Can Do It Too!! by Kidia Burns, Kayla Avery, Paperback | Barnes & Noble®](#)

It aims to get girls interested in nontraditional and trades careers.

The book is intended for children ages 3-10 like Burns’ granddaughter, to whom it is dedicated.

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Burns enjoyed when her granddaughter recently brought the book to school and “felt like a celebrity.”

“Girls Can Do It Too!” depicts several jobs and what they entail, including computer numerical control, and tool and die work.

Burns had the idea for the book in 2024 after attending a “teens in trades” event at Case High School, 7345 Washington Ave. It took a while to turn the self-published book into reality and included help from Burns’ daughter, who illustrated the pages. Burns said it felt great to hold the finished product. “I love it,” she said. “It’s an, ‘I did this’ feeling.”

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The Arts:

I have no musical talent, but I enjoy music very much. I have used this video before in the monthly Hope Newsletter. I am using it again, because it does lift my spirits and fosters Hope whenever I listen and view it.

[The Jive Aces present "Bring Me Sunshine" \(Morecambe & Wise theme\) - Bing video](#)

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