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Bruce Attfield, Chair
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Dear Bruce,

On behalf of the Lanark Highlands Public Library, we would like to thank the Elizabeth Kelly Foundation for supporting our 2022 Summer Literacy Program. Your support had a substantial and invaluable impact on our small rural Library and the community we serve. We are thrilled with the results of this year's program. We received incredible feedback and many of the participants made grade strides in their growth over the eight week program.

Challenges:

After the closing date for registration (and also after we had overfilled our spots) we were notified that one of the schools had not passed on the information to the parents. Unfortunately we were not able to accommodate any additional attendees, but this did highlight that there was and will likely be, a need to expand this program next year.

Outcomes:

This year we evolved our program in response to last year's feedback and provided a formal evaluation form again this summer. The feedback was positive and suggestions for improvement only included the following points:

- Offer tutoring throughout the school year (this being the most frequently requested)
- Offer longer sessions
- Offer more sessions later in the day

When asked to compare the children's reading level after the program:

- 50% indicated that their ability went from "below average" to "average"
- 12% indicated a rating of "good"
- 12% rated their reading level at excellent.

In terms of their attitude towards reading:

- 62% ranked their attitude at "good"
- 25% ranked their attitude as "excellent"
- 12% still indicated their attitude to reading was "poor"

Testimonials:

"This program exceeded our expectations. My child is very anxious and Crystal was outstanding with her. She looked forward to going every week."

"Crystal ignited my daughter's interest in reading. She went from very little reading ability to fully reading in weeks!"

"Summer literacy NEEDS to continue!"

"I was surprised my son was interested in doing this program as he never liked reading at home, but this program made it fun"

The library could not do what it does without the generous support of a caring community. Thank you again for your ongoing support to our library and for the many young readers in the community who rely on us for services and programs.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LK'.

Amanda Robinson
CEO/Librarian