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Dear Joanne Leva:

Thank you so very much for giving my creative writing class an opportunity to take part in the PoetryWITS workshop program. The three period-long visitations conducted by PoetryWITS provided students with a tremendous opportunity to learn from the poetry experts, as well as produce some really great work. Students having a chance to hear poetry read and discussed by both Grant Clauser, The Montgomery Poet Laureate, and you, the MCPL Director, was enlightening and inspiring for them and for me. Interacting with adults -- especially "bonafide poets" who are passionate about poetry -- is so important for these writers! I felt that something special took place among us all as we worked together. My students and I were really fortunate to be provided with such opportunity through PoetryWITS. Even after the sharing experience, students are able to be proud to see their work displayed publically on the PoetryWITS website -- a terrific bonus!

I hope to continue to develop the importance of creative writing and poetry through rich programs like this one. I am so impressed with your knowledge, passion and dedication; it really shows! Thank you for taking the time to make this program happen at Souderton Area High School.

I hope to work together again sometime, utilizing the PoetryWITS program again, especially as Souderton Area High School continues to revise curriculum and devise opportunities available to students who wish to express themselves through creative writing.

Thank you again -- with gratitude and high praise!

Sincerely,

Elise Brand
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