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To Whom It May Concern:

I am grateful that the Pitkin County Library continues to be a very special part of the Raising A Reader program. Raising A Reader provides such a valuable asset to our community; from the children taking books home on a regular basis, to the natural progression of visiting the public library to get a library card, receiving their very own book bag, and most of all, fostering the love of books, stories, and involving a family member with whom to share this love. I feel so blessed to be part of this process, seeing their excited faces as they are welcomed into the library "family" where a whole new world opens for them. The studies of the human brain associated with reading and reading aloud are so compelling. It is obvious that the more preschools and daycares are able to develop reading as part of their curriculum, the more each child will be nurtured and fulfilled.

So many families continue to come into the library with their library cards and special bags after "Blue Bag Day" at the library. It is the children who keep those parents involved in reading and the library. They are so proud to come to the library and experience the freedom it gives them to choose books and take them home. I am hoping that we can include many more library days with the preschool classes so that it will reinforce that concept.

I commend the Raising A Reader staff, volunteers and childcare providers who work to reach so many little ones each year. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Susan Keenan

Children's Services Librarian

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