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This letter is presented in recognition and gratitude for the contribution that Mrs Jane Blatt has made to the MEd Programme in Children's Literature and Literacies since 2012.

For the last 8 years, Mrs Blatt has participated as a volunteer tutor by delivering a session for the "Reframing Literacy" Course, sharing her extensive experience as an early learning teacher with the MEd students.

Her session 'Book Play: The Story of "Bookness of Books" and Early Literacy Development' explores the ways in which babies explore their environments through play, including play with books and offers the students the opportunity to workshop the concept of play. Mrs Blatt also provides the students with the opportunity to examine the design and publishing process as she discusses the ways in which her text evolved in collaboration with the illustrator and editor until it resulted in her book, *Books Always, Everywhere*.

Feedback from students has been very positive, and the practical nature of her workshop means many students make direct reference to the concepts discussed in the session within their critically reflective assignment that examines the ways in which their understanding of literacy has developed.

The CLL team would like to thank Mrs Blatt for her valuable contribution to the Course and the Programme as a whole given it sets students up for understanding how literacy and a child's relationship with books develops through the years.

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