

To The Institute for Cross-Cultural Exchange:

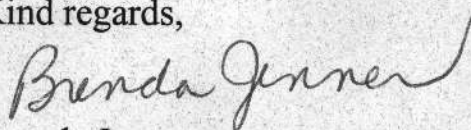
The Hamilton community is extremely thankful to ICE for giving these books to our community. To have 400 new books of such quality to bring to our families was truly amazing. Partner that generosity with the educational support materials and frankly your project is brilliant.

As a professional educational consultant, I was pleased with the support materials. The key messages were well researched and clearly articulated. Here at Affiliated Services for Children and Youth we have used the support materials in training professionals in our community who work with young families at our Ontario Early Year's Centres. Also, we have compiled a kit called *Stories that Teach in the Early Years* using the books, CD's, and DVD as well as the downloadable materials. This kit is available to all Early Years Practitioners in our community.

The parents and children that participated in the workshops felt special to be receiving a book they could take home and re-read over and over again together. The stories themselves clearly celebrate our world and encourage in children the love of reading.

Thank you for your time and commitment to early literacy.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brenda Jenner'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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