A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF READING IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE NEWBURYPORT LITERARY FESTIVAL

Love Letters to Our Favorite Books is a celebration of reading. Participants reflect on their reading history and choose their favorite book or author. The letters are then exhibited which gives others a chance to enjoy the letters, reflect on their own favorite books, and perhaps be inspired to read new books.

Requirements:

Letters should be on

8.5 x 11 paper (the size of standard size copy paper but you can use any paper you would like) and VERTICAL

The letter is not a book report or a school essay. It is a sharing of your enthusiasm and love for a particular book or author. Since each letter will be one of many on the wall, try to make yours interesting to look at as well as to read.

Here are a few of things to think about:

Your letter should include the title of the book and the author.

In your letter, tell why you love the book. You can include a quote from the book, a description of a favorite scene, or a connection with an event in your life that made the book resonate.

Some ideas about making your book interesting to look at:

Use colored paper. Think about the tone of the book and make it look like the book feelsdark for a dark book, bright colors and shapes for a cheerful, humorous book, soft pastels for a quiet book.

Draw an illustration of a scene from the book or your favorite character. Use marker, crayon, or colored pencil. Make a collage picture using cut or torn pieces of paper. Decorate the edges with a border.

Your writing can be done on a computer or by hand. Lines don't have to be straight. Letters can be different sizes. Let go and express yourself. And most of all, have fun.

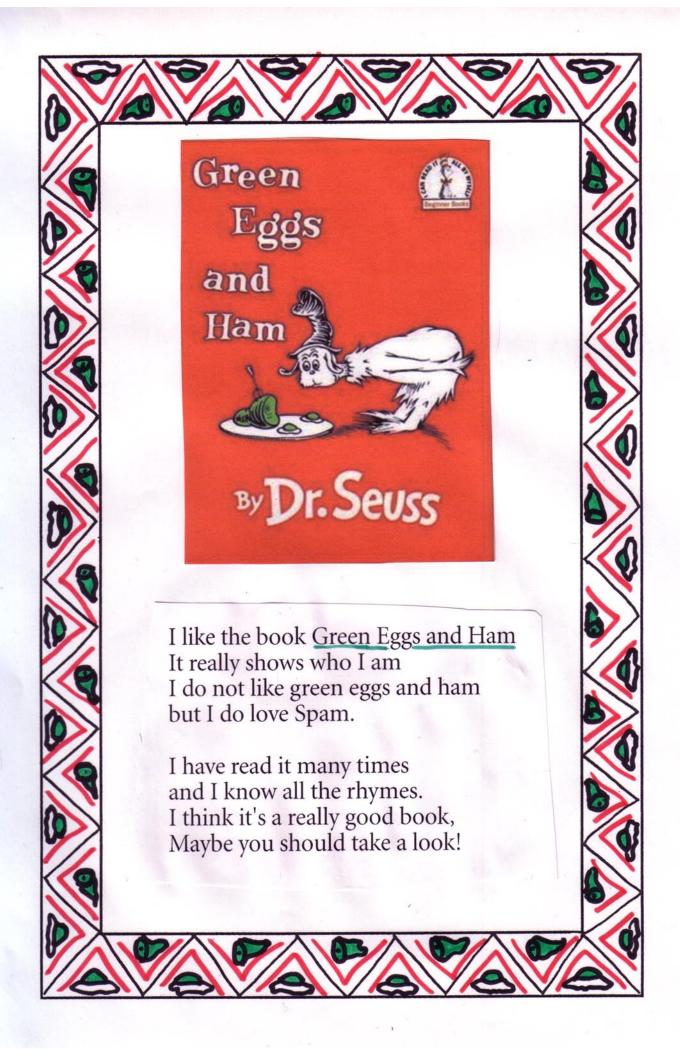
The letters were installed at the Firehouse Center for the Arts in Newburyport, MA in April 2007. The letters were stapled on strips of adding machine tape (8-10 per strip). The strips were attached to the gallery's hanging system at the top or attached to the wall with push pins.

The original Love Letters project was part of the 2007 Newburyport Literary Festival. It was the idea of Vicki Hendrickson and organized by Susan Kapuscinski Gaylord.

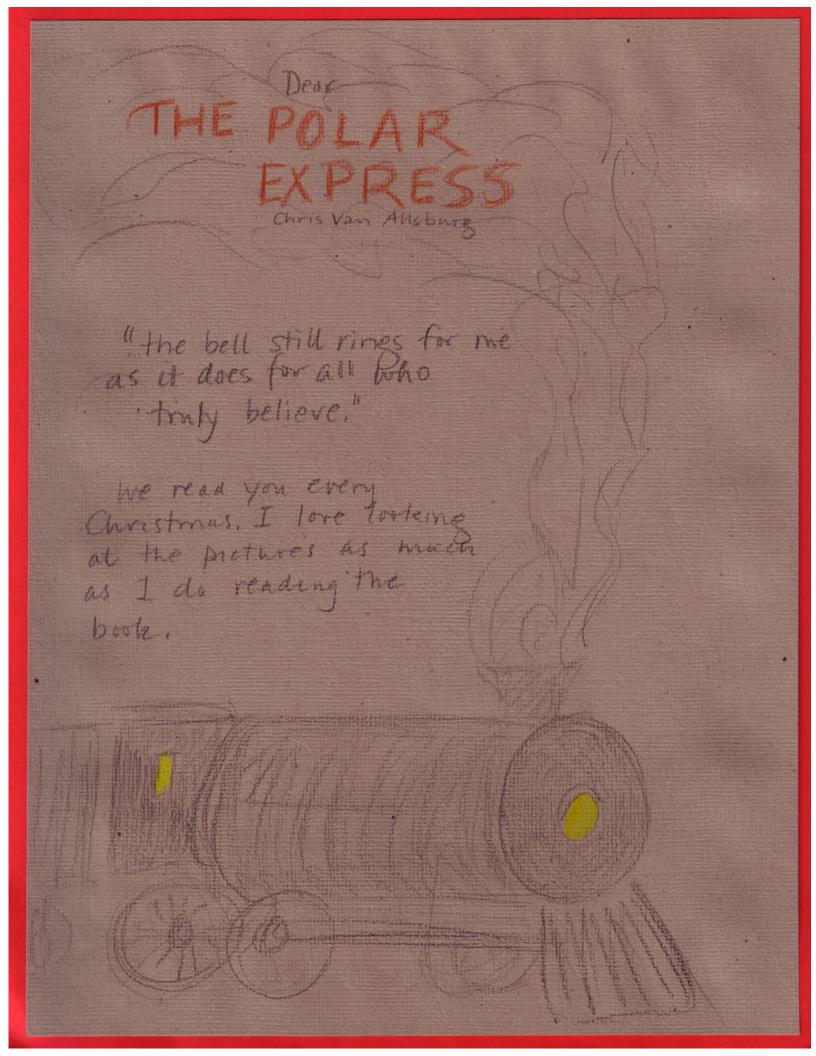
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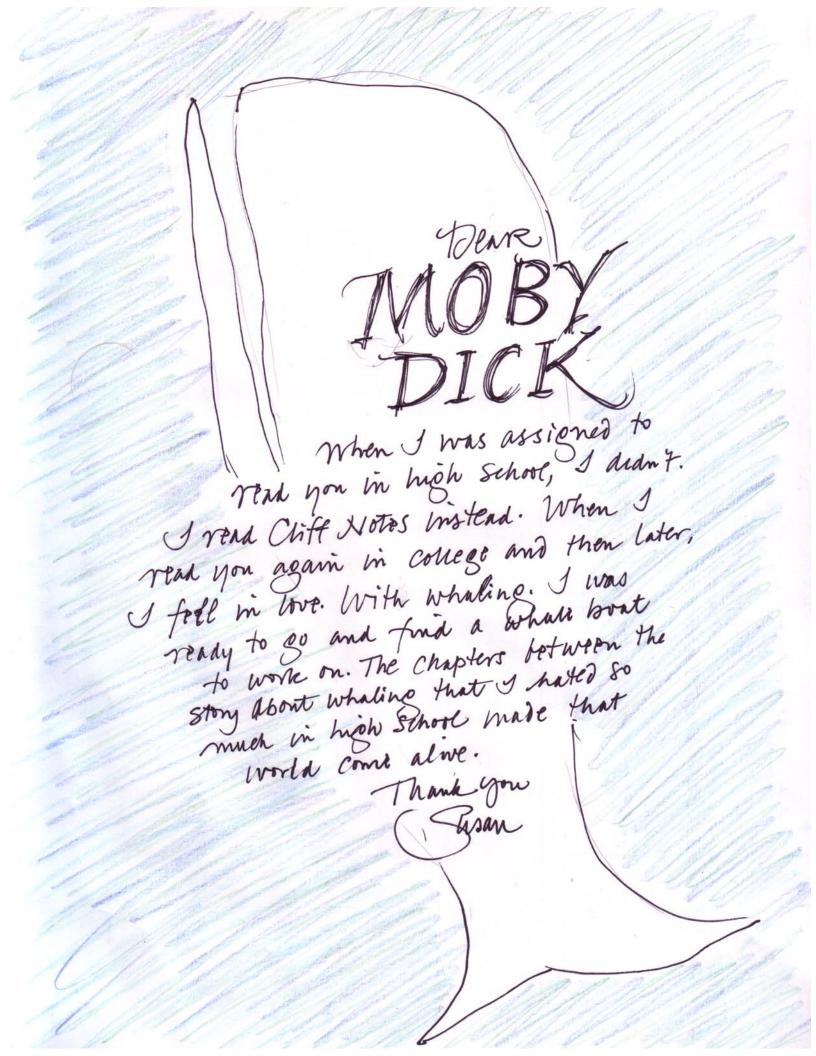
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Susan



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