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Dear Lara and Crestwood families,

Thank you for your continued support of The Children's Book Bank, the books you donated to us were amazing! This donation has provided free books to children who need them.

Book ownership leads to improved childhood literacy and academic success. But too many children in Toronto's low income, high needs areas do not own books. In fact, one recent study showed that while there is an average of 13 books for every child in middle-income homes, in low-income neighbourhoods there is only one children's book for every 300 children. With your help, The Children's Book Bank is breaking down those access barriers and improving book ownership statistics throughout Toronto.

The Children's Book Bank recently celebrated it's 6th birthday and in that short time we have built an important literacy resource center for struggling families in the Regent Park area and other high-needs communities in Toronto. We have recycled over 450,000 gently used children's books and shared the magic of book ownership and literacy with children whose families cannot afford to purchase books. I want to say a special thank you to Lara for organizing this drive and getting the books to us at the book bank!

We are proud of all that we have accomplished in our short existence and are very excited about our prospects for growth and development in the future. Thanks again for providing us with so many great books and happy reading in 2015!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reagan Walton". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal yellow line.

Reagan Walton
Director of Inventory and Outreach
The Children's Book Bank