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David Cottle,
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Dear David,

We distribute books to over 79 literacy programmes in the Greater Toronto area. We also send books to literacy programmes across the country and in the aboriginal communities.

I still struggle with what to say whenever a child joyfully hugs a book saying this is the very first book they ever owned. I was delighted to hear a child point to the cover of The Farmer's Wife and say, "She is my grandmother!" It is fantastic to see children follow the words on the page when the stories are read to them.

The ICE books are beautifully illustrated. The stories from the Middle East and Central Asia have a timeless charm. These books encourage parents who read them to their children to find their own stories, from whatever background, and grow a love for books.

Salaam,

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