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To Whom It May Concern:

Edgewater Library and Friends of the Edgewater Library partnered on Nov. 7 to offer a special poetry experience to the community. The program was “Sibling Revelry: Two Sisters Reading Poetry” with award-winning authors Gay Guard-Chamberlin and Anara Guard. But they didn’t just *read* their poetry – they *performed* it.

If you’re considering hosting a similar program; we enthusiastically support the idea. Their poetry is thoughtful, clever, touching – sometimes funny, sometimes sad - but always with expressive imagery and use of delicious, masterful word play. The sibling relationship between Gay and Anara is very close, and that comes through in their entertaining performance.

We ask for feedback after our programs and distribute evaluations to the audience. One of the questions is to rank the program from 1 to 5 (where 5 is the highest score). We aim to have an average score of 4 for our programs however, this is the first time a program was rated a perfect 5. One person wrote on the evaluation, “Apparently, I can like poetry!”

Now that we know there is community interest, we’re planning other poetry programs and would revel in an encore performance by Gay and Anara.

Sincerely,

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