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Letter of Commendation – The Literature Centre

BHP has been proud to partner with The Literature Centre from March 2012 to January 2018. Our partnership has supported the Literature Centre deliver a range of literacy programs to primary and secondary schools across Western Australia.

Lesley Reece and her team have deep working relationships with a number of high profile Australian authors and illustrators and together they have successfully provided the following programs to BHP host communities:

1. Talented Young Writers Program

Lesley and a prominent Australian author delivered creative writing workshops to Pilbara high school students, including Indigenous students from the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation – Follow the Dream Program.

2. Pilbara Book Week

Pilbara Book Weeks were held over a five day period in both Newman and Port Hedland. Prominent Australian authors and illustrators delivered interactive sessions to primary school students and discussed the creation of their picture books or novels.

3. Picture Book Workshops

These workshops comprised two elements;

- I. An exhibition featuring original artwork and text development from selected Australian picture books was displayed at Hedland and Newman Primary Schools.
- II. Accompanying these exhibitions, interactive workshops engaged primary school students in discussions about the development of the featured picture book.

Engagement in all three programs by all students has been strong and feedback from students and teachers has always been extremely positive.

We have very much appreciated our working relationship with Lesley Reece, Nicole Clarke and the entire Literature Centre Team. They work with flexibility and responsiveness which has been key to delivering these programs in transient communities. Their professional approach and attention to detail is why this organisation is so successful.

Yours sincerely,



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