June 17, 2015

Ms. ███████████
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Dear ███████

I have heard of your wonderful success in promoting summer reading in your community, and I wanted to sincerely thank you for being an advocate for literacy in North Carolina. The work you've done for your 4-H service project and the Silver Award for Girl Scouts has reached so many students in ███████ County – students who would not have access to such important resources without you.

You've encouraged your community to donate more than 1,600 books, you've distributed them to students of all grades at Central Elementary School, and you connected parents with local organizations that can help them find the very best educational resources for their children – that is truly something to celebrate.

Give Five – Read Five, a program I started three years ago, could not succeed without community partners such as you who work to make sure students have what they need to keep reading, even in the summer months. Thanks to your work and the work of many other partners, *Give Five – Read Five* and related campaigns collected more than 530,000 books that will help thousands of students return to the classroom in fall better prepared to learn.

I especially loved reading about the "free libraries" you built in ███████. What a wonderful idea! North Carolina needs sharp minds and caring hearts like yours, and I am so pleased that you decided to embrace the goal of our *Give Five – Read Five* campaign for your service project.

Thank you so much for your dedication to our cause, and keep up the great work – it makes all the difference.

Sincerely,

June St. Clair Atkinson

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State Superintendent of Public Instruction