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Dear Mr. Famie,

Thank you very much for bringing your film, "Death is NOT the Answer" to the Ann Arbor District Library on Friday, December 1st.

The topic of suicide can be very difficult to discuss, but it is a conversation that we, as a public library, want to help facilitate. Your film certainly helped do that; our Friday evening showing closed with a more than 30-minute discussion lead by our patrons. Thanks to the honest portrayal of the variety of people in the film, our attendees were encouraged to voice their experiences and frustrations, and a very organic and personal discussion ensued.

The film itself was very well put together, and included an agreeable balance of people that have somehow been affected by depression and thoughts of suicide. Members of the audience were reflective of those highlighted in the film, some of which cannot find that same willingness to discuss the topic of suicide and depression in their own communities. Teachers, survivors, siblings, parents and people of faith shared intimate stories and struggles with one another, all of whom who are looking for ways to combat this epidemic.

The Ann Arbor District Library is committed to serving all of its' patrons, and the film screening we collaborated on earlier this month was an excellent example of how that can be done respectfully. I was encouraged by the discourse that took place, and look forward to hosting other films and events surrounding this topic.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Josie B. Parker". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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