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Nancy Silberkleit  
Archie Comics  
629 Fifth Avenue  
Pelham, NY 10803

Dear Nancy,

Thank you for another wonderful comic fair. As a school librarian, I enjoy hosting our annual comic fair for the same reasons I try to keep multiple copies of the most popular books in the library – to give the readers what they want! I also really appreciate how today’s comic and graphic novels, while fun as always, increasingly tackle serious subjects like bullying and environmental issues, at the same time as they encourage the development of essential literacy skills. A number of students mentioned that they look forward to this event as a way to stock up on their summer reading, when they can read whatever they choose. One 4<sup>th</sup> grader in particular shared her feelings about Archie comics in a way that I thought you would love. Noticing that she had returned the next day to purchase a few more comics, I asked what she liked so much about them. “I love reading Archie comics because my mother told me she read them when she was my age, and now it’s something we get to share together.”

Growing up, my siblings and I also have fond memories of walking to the newspaper stand on Flatbush Avenue to buy the newest Archie comic, and how my own mother and her sister had done the same. My student’s words made me reflect on how in this way, something like a comic, or any beloved book, can serve as a bridge for a shared set of cultural references, connecting generations across time.

Looking forward to the next fair, and best wishes for a wonderful summer,

Marie Creste

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