ABSTRACT

First met Wendy when I was visiting a local bookstore. Bill Moore and David Booth, both featured in an earlier issue of Teaching and Learning suggested that if I wanted to know anything about children’s books Wendy Mason-Geoghegan would be the one to interview. It turns out they were absolutely right. She is as in love with books as anyone I know and she transmits her love and enthusiasm for her “friends” as she calls them to all. Since children’s literature and reading with and to children surfaces in almost every article or commentary about how to increase literacy with youngsters, I decided to interview Wendy about the topic.

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ZADANIE 2 Now read the interview and match the questions with the paragraphs. A The experiences gained during an extended time abroad are absolutely invaluable. Now that I have spent a semester away from my home country, I am more aware of the huge variety of cultures around the world. I am also more aware of the similarities amongst people. With Auckland being such an international centre, I especially enjoyed the excitement of sharing laughter and making memories with new friends from around the world. B I chose to do a homestay. I would definitely recommend the homestay experience if you ar...