

**Testimonial Letter from Mary Jean Liberatore –August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

*Theater Participant with Granddaughter in Grumbling Gryphons Production of Anansi-The Trickster Spider: A West African Folktale Presented by Middleborough Library on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in The Grand Ballroom Town Hall*

Dear Ms. Elias,

My granddaughter Emma and I had the great pleasure of watching and taking part in the Grumbling Gryphons production of Anansi the Spider.

We were away on vacation immediately after the performance so this is the first chance I've had to share our thoughts.

I have always loved theater and was thrilled to see this opportunity in Middleboro. It is so important to expose children to the sights and sounds and stories that are told on stage!!

This production had it all; a great story and message, song, creative costuming and the unexpected plus was the opportunity for encouraged participation!!

Our daughter, a theater participant for years was home for the weekend and one of the first things that Emma and I did for her was sing the Anansi song, complete with sign language! Emma remembered every word and symbol!

The actor who played Anansi had a fabulous voice and way with kids. We loved the costuming and artistry of this tale woven by Ms.Elias and her troupe!

Emma loved the part when Anansi tricked the crocodile and I was fond of the "quiet monkey" trick!!

No doubt that if other opportunities present themselves in our area, we will be in the audience and/or taking part!

A big thank you for the pizza party which was an unexpected plus!

Bravo to the Grumbling Gryphons!!

Sincerely,  
Mary Jean Liberatore