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Dear readers,

When I first heard that *Love Lettering* had been selected for Overdrive's Together We Read program, I was so thrilled. Libraries have been such a huge part of my life—from the summers I spent collecting “achievement” stickers for the piles of books I'd read for my local library's reading program, to the many years I spent in the stacks doing research as part of my education, to the times I moved somewhere brand new and felt a more settled sense of home once I had a new local library card in my wallet. I've found so much joy and belonging in library communities, and to have a book I've written be a part of a reading program like this one is such a huge honor, and a dream come true!

*Love Lettering* is a book that touches on so many things I care about—the importance of art and creativity, the complexities of friendship and found families, and all the subtleties and stumbles of communicating with the people we love. What I hope you'll find in Meg's story is the sense of place and community and romance that I felt while writing it—and I hope these characters come to feel as real to you as they do to me.

In a time like this, where we're all spending so much time away from one another, a community experience like Together We Read is so special, and so important. Over the next few weeks, I look forward to knowing that so many of you are sharing in the experience of *Love Lettering* together—I hope it sparks conversation, and maybe some creative inspiration, too!

Sending you all my very best wishes for a happy reading season.

xo,

Kate