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Visit Reflection: “I think the most touching part of the day was when Gary met one of our students who is a troubled teen. I had given him some of Gary's books to read and he responded well to them. I told him I could arrange a private meeting with Gary if he was interested, and he was. The two spoke about writing and reading. Gary brought a copy of *Orbiting Jupiter* that he signed and gave to this student. Seeing Gary one-on-one with a teen not unlike the characters he writes and speaks of was really powerful, and hopefully a lasting positive memory for the student.” - Jill W. Hooper, Librarian, February 7, 2017

