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Mrs. Marguerite A. Hart  
Young People's Librarian  
Troy Public Library  
5044 Rochester Road  
Troy, Michigan 48084

Dear Mrs. Hart:

The public library contains the wisdom and the wonder and the experience of all mankind. But an unused library, despite its great value, is like an unmined gold lode; the riches are there but are of practical import only to the degree the wealth is taken out of it. If you do not read, you are not much better off than our unfortunate brothers who cannot read.

Just as you must breathe to keep your body alive, and just as you must pray to keep your soul spiritually alive, so you must read to keep your mind alive.

Read! It is nourishing, civilizing, worthwhile. Read! It destroys our ignorance and our prejudice. Read! It teaches us to understand our fellowman better and, once we understand him, it will be far easier to love him and work with him in a daily more complex society.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deane C. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

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