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The Young People of Troy
c/o Mrs. Marguerite A. Hart
Young People's Librarian
Troy Public Library
5044 Rochester Road
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My Dear Young Americans:

Mrs. Hart has asked me to tell you what a library can mean to you. I shall do this simply by telling you what a library means to me.

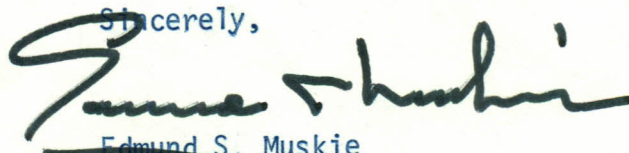
To me, a library is a place to browse and select a book to read for pleasure on a quiet afternoon or weekend. I especially like to look through travel books about places I haven't been or biographies and autobiographies of great people. It's fun to see the human side, the down-to-earth aspects, of important people.

A library is also a great pool of information when I'm trying to find out something about a subject which is new to me. I can go to the index files and begin looking through pertinent books. One book leads to another. Pretty soon, I have some very good books on the subject. Then I can settle down to read.

The library doesn't cost anything. I hope you make good use of it.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



Edmund S. Muskie
United States Senator