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To the Young People of Troy, Michigan

A library opens your way to many worlds and many times. Inside, you can choose to be in India or Africa, or to walk with Lincoln or the ancient Egyptian pharaohs. You can climb the magnificent Swiss Alps, or sail aboard a felucca skimming over the blue waters of the Mediterranean. You can hear music, see art, or look up facts you need for school research projects. All these things are yours to do in a library.

The most important education we can experience is the adventure of seeking to understand other people, of learning the meaning of nature, and of pursuing the fascinating trail of self-discovery. One of the best possible ways of learning what we need to know about all these things is by discovering-- in a library--what others have thought and felt as they went on the adventure of life.

I know you will use wisely the privilege of having a library, and I wish you many hours of happiness in your adventures there.

Edward H. Richardson

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