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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
Troy, Michigan 48084

Dear Young People of Troy:

I choose to believe that you are embarking upon a rare and wonderful experience with the opening of your new library facility. Governor J. James Exon of Nebraska, has asked me to express to you his wishes, as well as mine, for a happy future. It is trite, and perhaps untrue, to say that today's libraries can be more exciting than ever. After all, children, young people and adults have been excited by books for generations and, in fact, for the centuries dating back to the beginning of printing in the 15th Century. To each of us much older than you the advent of the Carnegie Library brought a wealth of materials within reach. I remember my inadequate small public library as a great heritage. Perhaps it was a heritage for you also as it made us realize that libraries should be something more than those small collections we remember so well.

I have watched these realizations being put into concrete form by librarians; trustees; and city, county, state and federal officials in the last few years. We have discovered that there can be cooperation and coordination of all types of libraries and facilities to assure all citizens the right to read and the right to know and be informed. We have discovered that the book remains a key but that its use can be supplemented through records, films, tapes, cassettes, paintings, pictures, music, etc.

I will confess to you that young people like yourself have forced the issue and have shown us time and again that your growing needs must be met in the most flexible ways possible. I ask your generation to take the next step. Use all of the libraries at your disposal in public,

school, college or university settings for your daily needs. (Each of these libraries can tap the resources of the nation through your communication channels in the state.) With your continuing and expanding interest, help us achieve total library service and as you become aware adults, help us support it evenly throughout the country through local, state, and federal sharing.

Revel in your new library and make the most of it. I congratulate you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Geske". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

(Mrs.) Jane P. Geske
Interim Executive Secretary

cc: Governor J. James Exon, State of Nebraska