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REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

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The Young Citizens of Troy, Michigan
c/o Mrs. Marguerite A. Hart
Young People's Librarian
Troy Public Library
5044 Rochester Road
Troy, MI 48084

Dear Friends:

Congratulations on the opening of the City of Troy's first public library, a facility that will serve and benefit you and your community. I urge each of you to visit it often and explore the books that line its shelves by reading them; for reading is a unique form of exploration that will enrich your lives. It is a special way to discovery and knowledge.

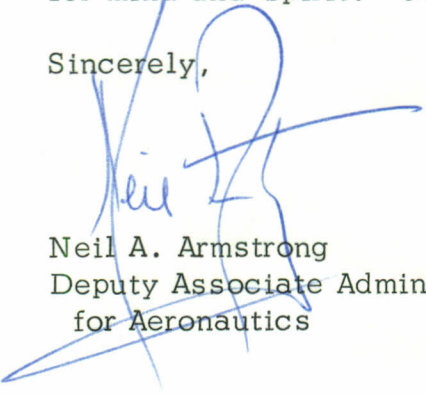
Each book holds an experience and an adventure. Your guide is the author. Through books you will meet poets and novelists whose creations will fire your imagination. You will meet the great thinkers who will share with you their philosophies, their concepts of the world, of humanity and of creation. You will learn about events that have shaped our history, of deeds both noble and ignoble. All of this knowledge is yours for the taking. It is something you will have always and that will grow in sharing.

Knowledge is fundamental to all human achievement and progress. It is both the key and the quest that advances mankind. The search for knowledge is what brought men to the moon; but it took knowledge already acquired to make it possible to get there.

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How we use the knowledge we gain determines our progress on earth, in space or on the moon. Your library is a storehouse for mind and spirit. Use it well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neil Armstrong", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Neil A. Armstrong
Deputy Associate Administrator
for Aeronautics