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To The Children of Troy  
Troy, Michigan

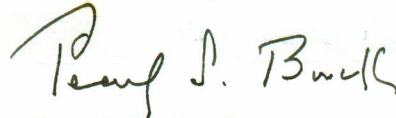
Dear Children of Troy:

A letter today tells me that the city of Troy is soon to open its first public library. I am so glad that your city will have a library. Not only will books give you many hours of pleasure but through them you will meet all the great people who have lived in the past. Some of them will perhaps still be living. Writers put their best thoughts and deepest feelings into their books. Even if you met them face to face and shook hands with them and even talked with them a little while you could not learn as much about them as from their books.

Please visit your library often. You will learn more there than anywhere else, perhaps even more than you can in school.

With best wishes, I am

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pearl S. Buck". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Pearl S. Buck

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