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Mrs. Marguerite A. Hart
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Troy Public Library
5044 Rochester Road
Troy, Michigan 48084

Dear Mrs. Hart:

Thank you for your letter inviting my comments regarding "what a library can mean" to a community in way of honoring the opening of your new public library.

My family has enjoyed the use of our public library in Arkansas City for many years. In 1967, we returned to the Capitol and have continued to borrow from our Topeka Public Library. The staff sometimes uses our State Library for informational needs of my office.

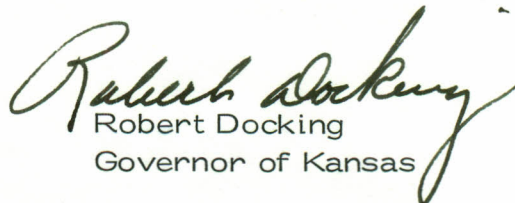
Jefferson said, "I have often thought nothing would do more extensive good at small expenses than the establishment of a small circulating library in every county, to consist of a few well-chosen books, to be lent to the people of the county, under such regulations as would secure their safe return in due time." I concur with this statement and congratulate the people of Troy on the establishment of a public library.

Public libraries should hold a balance of information on all issues in order to provide our citizens opportunity for development of an informed rationale on national, state and local issues. These libraries serve as reservoirs of human knowledge where adults may continue their education through independent study; and I do not overlook the recreational value of our libraries which provide many hours of enjoyment to young and old.

Your new library gives the people of Troy opportunity for new and expanded mental horizons and a trust for the preservation of the uncensored freedoms which make us a free people.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,


Robert Docking
Governor of Kansas

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