

Why We Need a Public Library

A Clip Sheet for Newspapers and Magazines

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BOOKS A FUNDAMENTAL NEED

O for a Bookie and a shade make,
 Either in-a-doors or out;
 With the green leaves whizz'ring over-
 head,
 Or the streets cryin' all about;
 Where I made read at my ease,
 Bath of the News and Bible;
 For a jolly goodie Bookie wharson to look,
 Is better to me than Goldie.

—Clide Binn.

For books are more than books, they are
 the life,
 The very heart and core of ages past;
 The reason why men lived, and worked
 and died,
 The essence and quintessence of their
 lives.

—Amy Lowell.

There is no frigate like a book
 To take us lands away
 Nor any course like a page
 Of prancing poetry.
 This trifles may the poorest take
 Without oppress of toll;
 How frugal is the chariot
 That bears a human soul!

—Emily Dickinson.

He ate and drank the pretentious words,
 His spirit grew robust;
 He knew no more that he was poor,
 Nor that his frame was dust.
 He inhaled along the dingy days,
 And this bespelt of wings
 Was but a book. What liberty
 A loaned spirit brings!

—Emily Dickinson.

Books are like an open door,
 Out of which the mind can soar,
 Bore the world on mighty wing,
 Watch the stars and planets swing;
 Books can set the spirit free
 Though the body shackled be.

—E. K. Jones.

In the library you will find
 Books for every age and mind:
 Old-day books
 Sad-day books
 Books to make you gay or wise
 Office books
 Shop-room books
 Books to make your pay check rise.

Out-door books
 Indoor books
 Books of tales of sea and land
 Funny books
 Funny books
 Fairy tales and pirate's band.

Boyhood books
 Husband books
 Books for golden youth and age
 Camping books
 Tramping books
 Books for child and books for sage.

An hour with a book would have brought
 to his mind
 The secret it took him a whole year to
 find.
 The facts that he learned at enormous
 expense
 Were all on the library shelves in
 common.
 Alas for our hero, too busy to read
 He was also too busy, it proved, to
 succeed!

We may win without credit or backing or
 style,
 We may win without energy, skill or a
 scale,

Without patience or aptitude, purpose
 or will—

We may even succeed if we're lacking in
 grit.

But take it from me as a very safe hint—
 A civilized man cannot live without print.

—A. L. Robbins.

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Kiss the world on mighty wing,
Watch the stars and planets swing;
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—R. K. Jena.