

Quote	Source
Learn as much by writing as by reading.	Lord Acton
The more one reads the more one sees we have to read.	John Adams
Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.	Abigail Adams
Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life.	Mortimer J. Adler
She is too fond of books, and it has turned her brain.	Louisa May Alcott
That is a good book which is opened with expectation and closed in profit.	Amos Bronson Alcott
The man who has no imagination has no wings.	Muhammed Ali
Hanging is too good for a man who makes puns; he should be drawn and quoted.	Fred Allen
Reading is for me a stimulus for reflection, a source of pleasure, and a professional imperative.	Corinne A. Allen -The Education foundation
Reading isn't fun; it's indispensable.	Woody Allen
Books - medicine for the soul.	Anonymous
If you don't like the news, go and make your own.	Anonymous
There is no great genius without a mixture of madness.	Aristotle
Library Here is where people, One frequently finds, Lower their voices And raise their minds.	Richard Armour
Journalism is literature in a hurry.	Matthew Arnold
Life is pleasant. Death is peaceful. It's the transition that's troublesome.	Isaac Asimov
A word after a word after a word is power.	Margaret Atwood
A poet is, before anything else, a person who is passionately in love with language.	Auden
A real book is not one that we read, but one that reads us.	W. H. Auden
The world is a book, and those who do not travel, read only one page.	St. Augustine of Hippo
Prosperity discovers vice, adversity discovers virtue.	Bacon
Reading maketh a full man.	Francis Bacon
The job of the artist is always to deepen the mystery.	Francis Bacon
Read not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted, nor to find talk and discourse; but to weigh and consider.	Francis Bacon
Proofreading is more effective after publication.	Eric Baker
The printing press is either the greatest blessing or the greatest curse of modern times; sometimes one forgets which it is.	J. M. Barrie

Where would I be without the tools of my trade and a good book to read at night?	Thomas Bartholin
A book is a garden, an orchard, a storehouse, a party, a company by the way, a counselor, a multitude of counselors.	Henry Ward Beecher
It is a man's duty to have books. A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life.	Henry Ward Beecher
The more we read, the more prepared we are in today's society.	John M. Belk -Belk Brothers Company
Books are not men and yet they stay alive.	Steven Vincent Benet
Why do writers write? Because it isn't there.	Thomas Berger
Silence is one of the hardest arguments to refute.	Josh Billings
An ordinary man can ... surround himself with two thousand books ... and thenceforward have at least one place in the world where it is possible to be happy.	Augustine Birrell
Libraries are not made, they grow.	Augustine Birrell
I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library.	Jorge Luis Borges
For your born writer, nothing is so healing as the realization that he has come upon the right word.	Catherine Drinker Bowen
You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them.	Ray Bradbury
You must live feverishly in a library. Colleges are not going to do any good unless you are raised and live in a library every day of your life.	Ray Bradbury
You must lurk in libraries and climb the stacks like ladders to sniff books like perfumes and wear books like hats upon your crazy heads ... may you be in love every day for the next 20,000 days. And out of that love, remake a world.	Ray Bradbury
Without libraries, what do we have? We have no past and no future.	Ray Bradbury
There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them.	Joseph Brodsky
Books are meat and medicine and flame and flight and flower steel, stitch, cloud and clout, and drumbeats on the air.	Gwendolyn Brooks
Books we must have though we lack bread.	Alice Williams Brotherton
Books are men of higher stature, And the only men that speak aloud for future times to hear.	Elizabeth Barrett Browning
If not in art, where is there room for sharing the hurts of the world, and spreading them out a little and so take some of the sting away? If an artist can't do it, no one can. If an artist can't do it, he's no artist.	Steven Brust
Surrounded by stories Surreal and sublime I fell in love in the library Once upon a time.	Jimmy Buffett

To read without reflecting is like eating without digesting.	Edmund Burke
Critics! . . . those cut-throat bandits in the path of fame.	Robert Burns
The oldest books are only just out to those who haven't read them.	Samuel Butler
Truth is always strange	Lord Byron
I am never long, even in the society of her I love, without yearning for the company of my lamp and my library.	Lord Byron
All literature is gossip.	Truman Capote
The true university these days is a collection of books.	Thomas Carlyle
There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the Free Public Library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration.	Andrew Carnegie
Literature - the expression of a nation's mind in writing.	Wm. Ellery Channing
Take away the art of writing from this world, and you will probably take away its glory.	Chateaubriand
To read and drive the night away.	Geoffrey Chaucer
A book is like a garden carried in the pocket.	Chinese Proverb
After three days without reading, talk becomes flavorless.	Chinese Proverb
One kind word can warm three winter months.	Chinese Proverb
A book is the only immortality.	Rufus Choate
If we don't believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don't believe in it at all.	Noam Chomsky
There are some people who leave impressions not so lasting as the imprint of an oar upon the water.	Kate Chopin
History will be kind to me for I intend to write it.	Winston Churchill
It is a good thing for the uneducated man to read books of quotations.	Winston Churchill
A room without books is as a body without a soul.	Cicero
The difference between fiction and reality? Fiction has to make sense.	Tom Clancy
The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug.	Tom Clancy
The only way to do all the things you'd like to do is to read.	Tom Clancy
To hurry through the rise and fall of a fine, full sentence is like defying the role of time in human life.	Kenneth Clark
Tact consists of knowing how to go too far.	Jean Cocteau

The greatest masterpiece in literature is only a dictionary out of order.	Jean Cocteau
I want to ... read poems filled with terror and music that changes laws and lives.	Leonard Cohen
Books support us in our solitude and keep us from being a burden to ourselves.	Jeremy Collier
To know what is right and not to do it is the worse cowardice.	Confucius
Vanity plays lurid tricks with our memory.	Joseph Conrad
America's greatness is not only recorded in books, but it is also dependent upon each and every citizen being able to utilize public libraries.	Terrence Cooke
A library is the delivery room for the birth of ideas, a place where history comes to life.	Norman Cousins
You are wise, witty and wonderful, but you spend too much time reading this sort of stuff.	Jim Critchfield
Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.	Walter Cronkite
Reading has been a meaningful activity in our family.	William B. S. Culp, Jr.
I chose a profession, journalism, that demanded a love of discovering new things and a love of reading.	Mary C. Curtis -The Charlotte Observer
Reading provides us with a view out our window of the world, and the world beyond.	Fred E. Dabney II -Royal Insurance
He who is afraid of asking is ashamed of learning.	Danish Proverb
The first half of our lives is ruined by our parents and the second half by our children.	Clarence Darrow
A truly great book should be read in youth, once again in maturity and once more in old age, as a fine building should be seen by morning light, at noon and by moonlight.	Robertson Davies
Experience is the universal mother of sciences.	Miguel de Cervantes
The book is man's best invention so far.	Carolina Maria de Jesus
I know of but one freedom, and that is the freedom of the mind.	Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
I've never known any trouble that an hour's reading didn't assuage.	Charles de Secondat
When I step into this library, I cannot understand why I ever step out of it.	Marie de Sevigne
Beauty is not caused. It is.	Emily Dickinson
He ate and drank the precious Words, His Spirit grew robust; He knew no more that he was poor, Nor that his frame was Dust.	Emily Dickinson
A word is dead, When it is said, Some say. I say It just begins To live that day.	Emily Dickinson

Why are we reading if not in hope of beauty laid bare, life heightened and its deepest mystery probed? Why are we reading if not in hope that the writer will magnify and dramatize our days, will illuminate and inspire us with wisdom, courage, and the possibility of meaningfulness, and will press upon our minds the deepest mysteries, so that we may feel again their majesty and power?	Annie Dillard
There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.	Walt Disney
Once you learn to read you will be forever free.	Frederick Douglass
It is a great thing to start life with a small number of really good books which are your very own.	Arthur Conan Doyle
The test of literature is, I suppose, whether we ourselves live more intensely for the reading of it.	Elizabeth Drew
Honesty is the soul of business.	Dutch Proverb
The delights of reading impart the vivacity of youth even to old age.	Issac d'Israeli
Children have a lot more to worry about from the parents who raised them than from the books they read.	E. L. E.L. Doctorow
Never judge a book by its movie.	J. W. Eagan
History teaches us that men and nations behave wisely once they have exhausted all other alternatives.	Abba Eban
Write all the words which I have spoken to you in a book.	Ecclesiastes 12:12
Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.	Albert Einstein
Reality is an illusion, albeit a very persistent one.	Albert Einstein
The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.	Albert Einstein
Don't join the book burners ... Don't be afraid to go in your library and read every book.	Dwight D. Eisenhower
The libraries of America are and must ever remain the home of free, inquiring minds.	Dwight D. Eisenhower
Books are the quietest and most constant of friends, they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers	Charles W. Eliot
Humankind can't stand too much reality.	T. S. Eliot
I read, much of the night, and go south in the winter.	T. S. Eliot
The happiest women, like the happiest nations, have no history.	George Eliot
In a library we are surrounded by many hundreds of dear friends imprisoned by an enchanter in paper and leathern boxes.	Ralph Waldo Emerson

Taking to pieces is the trade of those who cannot construct.	Ralph Waldo Emerson
That book is good which puts me in a working mood.	Ralph Waldo Emerson
There are books...which take rank in our life with parents and lovers and passionate experiences.	Ralph Waldo Emerson
Some books leave us free and some books make us free.	Ralph Waldo Emerson
He who wonders discovers that this in itself is wonder.	M. C. Escher
When you read a classic you do not see in the book more than you did before. You see more in you than was there before.	Clifton Fadiman
The poet's voice need not merely be the record of man, it can be one of the props, the pillars to help him endure and prevail.	William Faulkner
Finishing a good book is like leaving a good friend.	William Feather
Show me a hero and I will write you a tragedy.	F Scott Fitzgerald
An author ought to write for the youth of his own generation, the critics of the next, and the schoolmasters of ever afterward.	F Scott Fitzgerald
Is not this story of mine that I tell you a little bit of your own?	Gustave Flaubert
Read in order to live.	Gustave Flaubert
Habit is second nature.	Eliza Lee Follen
Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.	Malcolm S. Forbes
If information is the currency of democracy, libraries are its bank.	Wendell Ford
At night, when the curtains are drawn and the fire flickers, my books attain a collective dignity.	E. M. Forster
Human beings have their great chance in the novel.	E. M. Forster
If I read a book that impresses me, I have to take myself firmly by the hand, before I mix with other people; otherwise they would think my mind rather queer.	Anne Frank
A closed mouth catches no flies.	French Proverb
Not to know the past is to be in bondage to it, while to remember, to know, is to be set free.	Sigmund Freud
When I ... discovered libraries, it was like having Christmas every day.	Jean Fritz
Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper.	Robert Frost
I think literature creates reality or it is not literature at all.	Carlos Fuentes
Writing is a struggle against silence.	Carlos Fuentes
Nature provides exceptions to every rule.	Margaret Fuller

Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.	W. Fusselman
Today libraries are palaces of all the people. The key to those palaces (and the treasures within) is a library card.	Laura Fusselman
Fiction allows us to slide into these other heads, these other places, and look out through other eyes.	Neil Gaiman
Somebody has to do something, and it's just incredibly pathetic that it has to be us.	Jerry Garcia
To be surprised, to wonder is to begin to understand.	Jose Ortega Gasset
Reading restores me physically and mentally. It expands my imagination.	Peter S. I. Gilchrist, II -District Attorney
For me, the novel is experience illumined by imagination.	Ellen Glasgow
What we do not understand we do not possess.	Goethe
They liked the book better the more it made them cry.	Oliver Goldsmith
A book – a well-composed book – is a magic carpet on which we are wafted to a world that we cannot enter in any other way.	Caroline Gordon
There's no money in poetry; but then there's no poetry in money either.	Robert Graves
Reading early in life gives a youngster a multitude of "friends" to guide intellectual and emotional growth.	Carroll D. Gray -Charlotte Chamber of Commerce
For many a pupil has gained more wealth than his master.	Greek Proverb
The first thing my family did when we moved was join the local church. The second was to go to the library and get library cards.	John Grisham
Discovering rich new ideas, relishing the way a work of fiction can deepen our own lives...these are things I've gained from reading.	John Grooms -Creative Loafing
My pen is my harp and my lyre; my library is my garden and my orchard.	Judah Ha-Levi
Libraries never let us forget who we are, for their worth stands by the knowledge they keep and save for us.	Virginia Hamilton
The greatest gift is a passion for reading. It is cheap, it consoles, it distracts, it excites, it gives you knowledge of the world and experience of a wide kind. It is a moral illumination.	Elizabeth Hardwick
Words – so innocent and powerless as they are, as standing in a dictionary, how potent for good and evil they become in the hands of one who knows how to combine them.	Nathaniel Hawthorne
It is not true that we have only one life to live; if we can read, we can live as many more lives and as many kinds of lives as we wish.	S. I. Hayakawa

From your parents you learn love and laughter and how to put one foot before the other. But when books are opened you discover you have wings.	Helen Hayes
Cynicism is an unpleasant way of saying the truth.	Lillian Hellman
Writers are interesting people, but often mean and petty.	Lillian Hellman
We are all apprentices in a craft where no one ever becomes a master.	Ernest Hemingway
Woe be to him that reads but one book.	Herbert
Without the word, without the writing of books, there is no history, there is no concept of humanity.	Herman Hesse
These are not books, lumps of lifeless paper, but minds alive on the shelves.	Gilbert Highet
Reading is enrichment.	Linda Holland -International House
It is the province of knowledge to speak, and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen.	Oliver Wendell Holmes
A man's mind, stretched by new ideas, can never go back to its original dimensions.	Oliver Wendell Holmes
Poets were the first teachers of mankind.	Horace
If you want your life to be a magnificent story, then begin by realizing that you are the author, and every day you have the opportunity to write a new page.	Mark Houlahan
This will never be a civilized country until we expend more money for books than we do for chewing gum.	Elbert Hubbard
Do your bit to save humanity from lapsing back into barbarity by reading all the novels you can.	Richard Hughes
Humor is laughing at what you haven't got when you ought to have it.	Langston Hughes
I began to believe in nothing but books and the wonderful world in books.	Langston Hughes
He dares to be a fool, and that is the first step toward wisdom.	James Gibbons Huneker
Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.	Aldus Huxley
To his dog, every man is Napoleon; hence the constant popularity of dogs.	Aldus Huxley
Woe onto them that call evil good, and good evil.	Isaiah 5:20
The rich never have to seek out their relatives.	Italian Proverb
There is no thief like a bad book.	Italian Proverb
The end of reading is not more books but more life.	Holbrook Jackson
Every day I see the effects of people who are unable to read. Reading is everything.	Richard Jacobsen -Dept. of Social Services
If you believe everything you read, better not read.	Japanese proverb

I cannot live without books.	Thomas Jefferson
Information is the currency of democracy.	Thomas Jefferson
When the press is free and every man able to read, all is safe.	Thomas Jefferson
A book that [is] fitly chosen is a life long friend.	Douglas Jerrold
Guilt is the gift that keeps on giving.	Jewish Proverb
Books and ideas are the most effective weapons against intolerance and ignorance.	Lyndon Baines Johnson
Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must first be overcome.	Samuel Johnson
Perhaps no place is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.	Lady Bird Johnson
The only end of writing is to enable readers better to enjoy life or better to endure it.	Samuel Johnson
When I was a ten-year-old book worm and used to kiss the dust jacket pictures of authors as if they were icons, it used to amaze me that these remote people could provoke me to love.	Erica Jong
One who has imagination without learning has wings without feet.	Joseph Joubert
The worst thing about new books is that they keep us from reading the old ones.	Joseph Joubert
Why don't you write books people can read?	Nora Joyce
Many a book is like a key to unknown chambers within the castle of one's own self.	Franz Kafka
"Beauty is truth, truth beauty" – that is all Ye know on earth, and all ye need know.	John Keats
I have good reason to be content, for thank God I can read and perhaps understand Shakespeare to his depths.	John Keats
Literature is my utopia. Here I am not disenfranchised. No barrier of the senses shuts me out from the sweet, gracious discourses of my book friends.	Helen Keller
I have sought rest everywhere, and only found it in corners and books.	Thomas à Kempis
There is one thing within our grasp that can take us places we've never been, and encourage the soul - it is reading!	Mark H. Kendall -Adventist Christian Book Center
A man may die, nations may rise and fall, but an idea lives on.	John F. Kennedy
Let us welcome controversial books and controversial authors.	John F. Kennedy
We must never forget that art is not a form of propaganda, it is a form of truth.	John F. Kennedy
I am a part of everything I read.	John Kieran
The libraries have become my candy store.	Juliana Kimball
The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it from you.	B. B. King

I want you to tell your wife to take that moonlight stroll on the beach at Waikiki with the resort tennis pro while you read a few more chapters.	Stephen King
I cannot picture life without books. Without them how would we learn, how would we imagine, how would we be entertained?	Patsy Kinsey -Pease Associates
Reading opens your mind to the imagination and wonders of the human spirit and life in this world.	Frank Knox -United Carolina Bank
Damn the age. I'll write for antiquity.	Charles Lamb
The writings of the wise are the only riches our posterity cannot squander.	Walter Savage Landor
One gift the fairies gave to me: (threeThey commonly bestowed of yore)The love of books, the golden key That opens the enchanted door.	Andrew Lang
When others fail him, the wise man looks to the sure companionship of books.	Andrew Lang
I am certain that my youthful appetite for reading provided the foundation for my education, my career and a lifelong love of reading.	John Lassiter -Belk Brothers Company
Never trust the artist. Trust the tale.	D. H. Lawrence
The memory of having been read to is a solace one carries through adulthood.	Kathleen Rockwell Lawrence
Until I feared I would lose it, I never loved to read. One does not love breathing.	Harper Lee
Learn to see the world in its true light, for it will enable you to live pleasantly, to do good and when summonsed away, leave without regret.	Robert E. Lee
The unread story is not a story: it is little black marks on wood pulp. The reader, reading it, makes it live: a live thing, a story.	Ursula LeGuin
Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.	John Lennon
With a library you are free, not confined by temporary political climates.	Doris Lessing
No book is really worth reading at the age of ten which is not equally (and often far more) worth reading at the age of fifty and beyond.	C. S. Lewis
The things I want to know are in books; my best friend is the man who'll get me a book I ain't read.	Abraham Lincoln
Reading furnishes the mind only with materials of knowledge; it is thinking that makes what we read ours.	John Locke
Fate keeps on happening.	Anita Loos
Books - the very heart and core of ages past.	Amy Lowell
For books are more than books, they are the life, the very heart and core of ages past, the reason why men worked and died, the essence and quintessence of their lives.	Amy Lowell
Laws die, books never.	Edward Bulwer Lytton

What is more important in a library than anything else -- than everything else -- is the fact that it exists.	Archibald MacLeish
Outside of a dog, a book is probably man's best friend, and inside a dog, it's too dark to read.	Groucho Marx
I find television very educational. Every time someone switches it on I go into another room and read a good book.	Groucho Marx
People ask for criticism, but they only want praise.	Somerset Maugham
To acquire the habit of reading is to construct for yourself a refuge from almost all the miseries of life.	W. Somerset Maugham
There are three rules for writing a novel. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.	W. Somerset Maugham
In literature as in love, we are astonished at what is chosen by others.	André Maurois
Inspiration in matters of taste will not come twice.	Maurois
Without question, reading has been the foundation of whatever success I have had in my life.	Hugh McColl, Jr. -NationsBank Corp.
Our literature is stamped with a quality of longing and unrest, and our writers have been great wanderers.	Carson McCullers
Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him.	Richard McKenna
To produce a mighty book, you must choose a mighty theme.	Herman Melville
Writing books is certainly a most unpleasant occupation. It is lonesome, unsanitary, and maddening. Many authors go crazy.	H. L. Mencken
Books, to the reading child, are so much more than books – they are dreams and knowledge, they are a future, and a past.	Esther Meynell
I am still learning.	Michelangelo
Money can't buy friends but you can get a better class of enemy.	Spike Milligan
"I just like to know," said Pooh humbly.	A. A. Milne
A good book is the precious lifeblood of a master spirit.	John Milton
Death and taxes and childbirth! There's never any convenient time for any of them.	Margaret Mitchell
Show me the books he loves and I shall know the man far better than through mortal friends.	Weir Mitchell
A learned fool is more foolish than an ignorant one.	Moliere
No entertainment is so cheap as reading, nor any pleasure so lasting.	Mary Wortley Montagu

You see, I don't believe that libraries should be drab places where people sit in silence, and that's been the main reason for our policy of employing wild animals as librarians.	Monty Python
A book is the only place in which you can examine a fragile thought without breaking it.	Edward P. Morgan
Read, every day, something no one else is reading. Think, every day, something no one else is thinking. Do, every day, something no one else would be silly enough to do. It is bad for the mind to be always part of unanimity.	Christopher Morley
When you sell a man a book, you don't sell him 12 ounces of paper and ink and glue – you sell him a whole new life.	Christopher Morley
Reading books removes sorrows from the heart.	Moroccan proverb
Book lovers will understand me, and they will know too that part of the pleasure of a library lies in its very existence.	Jan Morris
Access to knowledge is the superb, the supreme act of truly great civilizations. Of all the institutions that purport to do this, free libraries stand virtually alone in accomplishing this.	Toni Morrison
I wrote my first novel because I wanted to read it.	Toni Morrison
I suppose that writers should, in a way, feel flattered by the censorship laws. They show a primitive fear and dread at the fearful magic of print.	John Mortimer
We are drowning in information but starved for knowledge.	John Nasbitt
You don't change the course of history by turning the faces of the portraits to the wall.	Nehru
Reading transports me. I can go anywhere and never leave my chair. It lets me shake hands with new ideas.	Rolfe Neill -The Charlotte Observer
If I have seen farther than others, it is because I was standing on the shoulders of giants.	Sir Isaac Newton
We should consider every day lost on which we have not danced at least once.	Nietzsche
Not to know is bad; not to wish to know is worse.	Nigerian Proverb
Just the knowledge that a good book is waiting one at the end of a long day makes that day happier.	Kathleen Norris
The ability to read is the foundation upon which all other learning is built.	Dennis E. Nowicki -Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Dept.
The books one reads in childhood, and perhaps most of all the bad and good bad books, create in one's mind a sort of false map of the world, a series of fabulous countries into which one can retreat at odd moments throughout the rest of life ...	George Orwell

You can always tell book people. They are well-dressed and their hair is really clean	Overhead at a booksellers' conference
Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.	P. J. O'Rourke
You become a writer because you need to become a writer – nothing else. Any work that you do that isn't writing is taking you away from writing.	Grace Paley
The books which help you most are those which make you think the most.	Theodore Parker
This is not a novel to be tossed aside lightly. It should be thrown with great force.	Dorothy Parker
Chance favors the prepared mind.	Louis Pasteur
Books allowed my imagination to take flight...and it hasn't landed yet.	Lynn Payne -Barnes & Noble
Behind every successful man is a surprised woman.	Maryon Pearson
Why has the South produced so many good writers? Because we got beat.	Walker Percy
Write kindness in marble and write injuries in the dust.	Persian Proverb
I divide all readers into two classes: Those who read to remember and those who read to forget.	William Phelps
I don't expect executives to be creative but I do expect them to have courage.	Rita Mae Phelps
Wear the old coat and buy the new book.	Austin Phelps
We all know that Art is not truth. Art is a lie that makes us realize the truth, at least the truth that is given to us to understand.	Pablo Picasso
An empty purse and a new house make a man wise, but too late.	Portuguese Proverb
Books are islands in the ocean of time. They are also oases in the deserts of time.	Lawrence Clark Powell
There is only one thing a boy or girl growing up and wondering about the world needs to know. Reading is magic.	R. B. PRIORITY -Duke Power Company
Books and friends should be few but good.	Proverb
The importance of reading in my life is pleasure and learning.	Elizabeth S. Randolph -Retired Educator
A writer is working when he's staring out of the window.	Burton Rascoe
Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words.	Revelation 1:3
When I read, I expect to have all my senses stirred, I'm rarely disappointed.	Linda Reynolds -First Union National Bank
Words convey the mental treasures of one period to the generations that follow; and laden with this, their precious freight, they sail away across gulfs of time in which empires have suffered shipwreck and the languages of common life have sunk into oblivion.	Anonymous quoted by Richard Chervenix Trench

(Librarians are) the secret masters of the universe. They control information.	Spider Robinson
People only learn through two things. One is reading and the other is association with smarter people.	Will Rogers
No one ever reads a book. He reads himself through books, either to discover or to control himself.	Romain Rolland
There may be no more pleasing picture in the world than that of a child peering into a book – the past and the future entrancing each other.	Roger Rosenblatt
The library is the temple of learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history.	Carl Rowan
The universe is made of stories, not of atoms.	Muriel Rukeyser
There are two motives for reading a book: one, that you enjoy it; the other, that you can boast about it.	Bertrand I. Russel
Books tap the wisdom of our species -- the greatest minds, the best teachers -- from all over the world and from all our history. And they're patient.	Carl Sagan
One of the greatest gifts adults can give – to their offspring and to society – is to read to children.	Carl Sagan
I am what the librarians have made me, with a little assistance from a professor of Greek and a few poets.	Richard Keble Sandwell
Although they are only breath, words which I command are immortal.	Sappho
You cannot open a book without learning something.	William Scarborough
Happiness is not having what you want, but wanting what you have.	Hyman Judah Schachtel
Against stupidity the gods are helpless.	Schiller
A good education is the next best thing to a pushy mother.	Charles Schultz
I love mankind; it's people I can't stand.	Charles Schultz
Please return this book. I find that though many of my friends are poor arithmeticians, they are nearly all good book-keepers.	Sir Walter Scott
A bookstore is one of the only pieces of evidence we have that people are still thinking.	Jerry Seinfeld
Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end.	Semisonic
When you not only hear a treasured story, but also are pressed against the most important person in the world, a connection is made that cannot be severed.	Maurice Sendak
My library was dukedom enough.	William Shakespeare
Come, and take choice of all my library, And so beguile thy sorrow.	William Shakespeare

There are too many books I haven't read, too many places I haven't seen, too many memories I haven't kept long enough.	Irwin Shaw
I took to literature, because that was the easiest refuge.	Upton Sinclair
Begin somewhere. You cannot build a reputation upon what you intend to do.	Liz Smith
I believe the ability to read is the foundation for success at school and in life.	Eric J. Smith -Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools
People say life is the thing, but I prefer reading.	Logan Pearsall Smith
Yes, there is meaning; at least for me, there is one thing that matters – to set a chime of words tinkling in the minds of a few fastidious people.	Logan Pearsall Smith
Prefer knowledge to wealth, for the one is transitory, the other perpetual.	Socrates
Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.	Richard Steele
The profession of book writing makes horse racing seem like a solid, stable business.	John Steinbeck
The very strangeness of the language dyd me enchante, and vaulted me into an ancient scene.	John Steinbeck
Where would I be without the tools of my trade and a good book to read at night?	Robert C. Stephens -Horack, Talley, Pharr & Lowndes
It's not macho to read a book? Nonsense. Reading is a stouthearted activity, disporting courage, keenness, stick-to-it-ness.	Irving Stone
A good book should leave you ... slightly exhausted at the end. You live several lives while reading it.	William Styron
Books, the children of the brain.	Jonathan Swift
A good word is like a good tree whose root is firmly fixed and whose top is in the sky.	The Koran
Beware of all enterprises that require new clothes.	Henry David Thoreau
Books are the treasured wealth of the world and the fit inheritance of generations.	Henry David Thoreau
Read the best books first, or you may not have a chance to read them all.	Henry David Thoreau
On how to read: I always begin at the left with the opening word of the sentence and read towards the right, and I recommend this method.	James Thurber
Knowledge is knowing – or knowing where to find out.	Alvin Toffler
The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.	Alvin Toffler
Of all the needs a book has, the chief need is that it be readable.	Anthony Trollop

Books are the carriers of civilization. Without books, history is silent, literature dumb, science crippled.	Barbara Tuchman
A good book is the best of friends, the same today and forever.	Martin Farquhar Tupper
A public library is the most enduring of memorials, the trustiest monument for the presentation of an event or a name or an affection; for it, and it only, is respected by wars and revolutions, and survives them.	Mark Twain
Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.	Mark Twain
The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.	Mark Twain
You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus.	Mark Twain
If we do not find anything very pleasant, at least we shall find something new.	Voltaire
When it comes to money, everybody is of the same religion.	Voltaire
A man should hear a little music, read a little poetry, and see a fine picture every day of his life, in order that worldly cares may not obliterate the sense of the beautiful which God has implanted in the human soul.	Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
If life indeed is a stage, then how can we act our parts if we can't read our script?	Quyen Vu -Library volunteer
Books are by-products of our lives.	Alice Walker
Books became my world because the world I was in was very hard.	Alice Walker
They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself.	Andy Warhol
A film is never really good unless the camera is an eye in the head of a poet.	Orson Welles
I had just discovered the art of leaving my body to sit impassive in a crumpled up attitude in a chair or sofa, while I wandered over the hills and far away in novel company and new scenes.	H. G. Wells
I cannot remember a time when I was not in love with them – with the books themselves, cover and binding and the paper they were printed on, with their smell and their weight and with their possession in my arms, captured and carried off to myself.	Eudora Welty
Reading is critical to me.	H. A. Wheeler -Charlotte Motor Speedway
I don't know which is more discouraging, literature or chickens.	E. B. White
The future is no more uncertain than the present.	Walt Whitman
Words can sometimes, in moments of grace, attain the quality of deeds.	Elie Wiesel
A poet can survive everything but a misprint.	Oscar Wilde

We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.	Oscar Wilde
The good end happily, the bad unhappily – that is what fiction means.	Oscar Wilde
Oh for a book and a shady nook, either in door or out.	John Wilson
Books were my pass to personal freedom. I learned to read at age three, and soon discovered there was a whole world to conquer that went beyond our farm in Mississippi.	Oprah Winfrey
Reading for me is like breathing. It is essential for my life.	William First Presbyterian Church P. Wood
I have lost friends, some by death, others through sheer inability to cross the street.	Virginia Woolf
Use words that soak up life.	Virginia Woolf
A woman must have money and a room of her own if she is to write fiction.	Virginia Woolf
The impulse to dream was slowly beaten out of me by experience. Now it surged up again and I hungered for books, new ways of looking and seeing.	Richard Wright
I have often reflected upon the new vistas that reading opened to me. As I see it today, the ability to read awoke in me some long dormant craving to be mentally alive.	Malcolm X
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Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.	William Butler Yeats
To sit alone in the lamplight with a book spread out before you, and hold intimate converse with men of unseen generations – such is a pleasure beyond compare.	Kenko Yoshida
I think it is good that books still exist, but they make me sleepy.	Frank Zappa