15 Quotes About Libraries

“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.”
--German-born theoretical physicist Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

“A library could show you everything if you knew where to look.”
--Award-winning American author Pat Conroy (1945-2016)

“A library is a place where you learn what teachers were afraid to teach you.”
--American lawyer and academic Alan M. Dershowitz (1938-)

“Civilized nations build libraries; lands that have lost their soul close them down.”
--English parish priest and children's book author Toby Forward (1950-)

“What is more important in a library than anything else…is the fact that it exists.”
--Poet, lawyer and Librarian of Congress Archibald MacLeish (1892-1982)

“The public library is where place and possibility meet.”
--American poet and fiction writer Stuart Dybek (1942-)

“I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card.”
--Teacher, school librarian and U.S. First Lady Laura Bush (1946-)

“A library is thought in cold storage.”
--British politician and diplomat Herbert Samuel (1870-1963)

“A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.”
--American abolitionist, social reformer Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887)

“Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future.”
--American author and screenwriter Ray Bradbury (1920-2012)

“A truly great library contains something in it to offend everyone.”
--American editor and librarian Mary Jo Godwin (1949-)

“Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.”
--American entrepreneur and publisher Malcolm Forbes (1919-1990)

“The richest person in the world--in fact all the riches in the world--couldn’t provide you with anything like the endless, incredible loot available at your local library.”
--American editor and librarian Mary Jo Godwin (1949-)

“The very existence of libraries affords the best evidence that we may yet have hope for the future of man.”
--American poet and critic T.S. Eliot (1888-1965)

“You want weapons? We're in a library! Books! The best weapons in the world!”
--Alien Time Lord in the BBC TV series Doctor Who (1963-)

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