**Blessing of a Library**

Father in Heaven,

In your presence all human knowledge is as nothing,

Yet you have given us a marvelous mind

That strives to plumb the universe in its mysteries and

Even your own most inner Triune life.

Bless this Library stocked with books and materials

That store the knowledge of the ages.

Grant that all who come herein

May be enlightened by the spirit of truth (Jn 14:17)

So that they may know the truth

And the truth may make them free (Jn 8:32)

Let them neither be puffed up with nor despise

The knowledge of the world.

Rather may they learn to use it

In conjunction with the knowledge of You,

So that they may come ever more

To know You and Your Son whom You have sent—

For this is eternal life.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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