

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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