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The Never Failing Spring in the Desert

Andrew Carnegie, one of the world’s greatest philanthropists

Who built over two thousand libraries once said:

“A library outranks any other one thing

A community can do to benefit its people.

It is a never failing spring in the desert.”

I believe that these words

Tell truth about the library

That the help it provides

Is extremely necessary

I myself have see the impact

That it has on people’s lives

Equipping individuals

With curiosity and drive
Coming to my library

On weekends, breaks, and summers,
I volunteered my time
While giving back to others

My community librarian
Over time became my mentor
But in this way every person
Should feel that they are cared for

A library is the cornerstone
Of an informed community
It offers every person
A chance and opportunity

Libraries provide guidance,
Safety and education
All of which are a part of
A democracy’s foundation

They advocate for knowledge
And ceaseless, lifelong learning
Even after graduation
We all will be returning

While some might say teenagers
Rarely set foot in the door
I actually see my classmates
Come visit more and more

And although we can use
Our phones or our computers,
We understand that libraries
Will offer better futures

For not all academic
Research is found online
Some sources aren’t legitimate–
Not all are genuine

Hard copies provide thorough,
Reliable information
And guarantee a service–
A stronger education
My peers don’t only study there

   Surf internet and read,
   But also join programs
   That help them to succeed

We start new programs yearly,
From book clubs to robotics
And hopefully will add more
   On many different topics

“But libraries are pointless,”
Some have this point of view.
   However, in the tech age
There’s nothing they can’t do

   The library connects
   So many different people
And builds up a community
   Where everyone is equal

   Our libraries provide us
   With invaluable service
But in North Carolina
They serve a greater purpose

Our state connects with schools
And reaches out to students
Encouraging equality
To make all feel included

By owning a library card,
You open many doors:
Tech help and even tutoring
Are going to be yours!

Libraries help us daily
With everything they bring
And we should all appreciate
Our never-failing spring!