

Eckstrand Tatyana. *The Librarian's Book of Quotes*. IL: American Library Association, 2009. 117p. \$22.00 (ISBN: 978-0-8389-0988-1)

“Don't join the book burners. Don't think you're going to conceal faults by concealing evidence that they never existed. Don't be afraid to go in your library and read every book.”

Dwight D. Eisenhower (pg. 7)

“Be a little careful of your Library. Do you foresee what you will do with it? Very little to be sure. But the real question is, What it will do with you? You will come here & get books that will open your eyes, & your ears, & our curiosity, & turn you inside out or outside in.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson (pg. 14)

“One of the powerful functions of a library - any library - lies in its ability to take us away from worlds that are familiar and comfortable and into ones which we can neither predict nor control, to lead us down new roads whose contours and vistas provide us with new perspectives.”

Richard F. Thomas (pg. 32)

“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 (pg. 87)

“Librarians don't have a lot of status, and we don't make a lot of money, more than poets, but not so much, say, as your more successful panhandlers, so our ideals are important to us and the love of books and the love of knowledge and the love of truth and free information and letting people discover things for themselves...”

Larry Beinhart (pg. 95)

These are just a sampling of the approximately 200 quotes about libraries and librarians that author Tatyana Eckstrand has compiled from a wide span of people to include world leaders, authors, journalists as well as fellow librarians and patrons. Eckstrand loved libraries from childhood and knew from a young age that this was the profession for her. Unfortunately, she grew dissatisfied with her profession and sought reassurance in words. In this small text, she compiles candid and humorous quotes that reflect differing points of view about her beloved profession. *The Librarian's Book of Quotes* is useful not only to aspiring librarians who are wondering if the field is right for them but also to those professionals who want to remember why they became librarians and why this institution is so important.

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