Norlin Sundial Plaza Quotations Task Force

Quotations for Library-Wide Voting

1. The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.
   -- Nelson Henderson
2. The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.
   -- Ralph Waldo Emerson
3. In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.
   -- Albert Einstein
4. It is the dull man who is always sure, and the sure man who is always dull.
   -- H.L. Mencken
5. I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.
   -- Mark Twain
6. Learning without thought is labor lost; thought without learning is perilous.
   -- Confucius
7. Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.
   -- Martin Luther King, Jr.
8. The Truth must dazzle gradually
   Or every man be blind.
   -- Emily Dickinson
9. The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children.
   -- Dietrich Bonhoeffer
10. Words preserve seeds of the heart
    Unchanged in this world
    Both in ancient times
    And in the present.
    -- Yusai
11. To live without history is to live like an infant, constantly amazed and challenged by a strange and unnamed world.
    -- Joan Nestle
12. Reality is not simply there, it must be searched and won.
    -- Paul Celan
13. Being true to yourself really means being true to all the complexities of the human spirit.
   -- Rita Dove

14. Poets are Damned but see with Eyes of Angels.
   -- Allen Ginsberg

15. We love because it’s the only true adventure.
   -- Nikki Giovanni

16. Silence is more musical than any song.
   -- Christina Rossetti

17. Our truest life is when we are in dreams awake.
   -- Henry David Thoreau

18. Even the longest journey must begin where you stand.
   -- Laozi

19. The end of all education should surely be service to others.
   -- Cesar Chavez

20. Access to knowledge is the superb, the supreme act of truly great civilizations. Of all the institutions that purport to do this, free libraries stand virtually alone in accomplishing this mission.
   -- Toni Morrison

21. A truly great library contains something in it to offend everyone.
   -- Jo Godwin

22. If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.
   -- Cicero

23. I must say I find television very educational. The minute somebody turns it on, I go to the library and read a good book.
   -- Groucho Marx

24. My Alma mater was books, a good library ... I could spend the rest of my life reading, just satisfying my curiosity.
   -- Malcolm X

25. The library is the temple of learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history.
   -- Carl T. Rowan
   -- Groucho Marx

27. You are braver than you believe -- stronger than you think -- and more loved than you feel.
   -- Anonymous

28. Preservation of one's own culture does not require contempt or disrespect for other cultures.
   -- Cesar Chavez

29. I change myself, I change the world.
   -- Gloria Anzaldua

30. Like a ten-speed bike, most of us have gears we do not use.
   -- Charles Schulz

31. It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept and celebrate those differences.
   -- Audre Lorde

32. Nothing that belongs to us except this searching for words to say again what has been said and not heard.
   -- Linda Hogan

33. -- Say
   please she must learn to read,
   for I believe the word is another bodying forth
   into the good, green world,
   where, without it,
   we cannot fully meet.
   -- Marilyn Krysl

34. The greater the island of knowledge the greater the shoreline of wonder.
   -- Huston Smith

35. Science knows no country, because knowledge belongs to humanity, and is the torch which illuminates the world.
   -- Louis Pasteur