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Mrs. Jane L. Pope,
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Dear Mrs. Pope:

I can't tell you how honored I am to have been chosen as speaker for the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award presentation at Theford. I only wish I had as much confidence as you must have in my ability to perform the assignment creditably.

As to topic and title: I presume you know that my formal education terminated at the eighth grade. It did, and from that time to this, public libraries have been my school, and scores of dedicated librarians the faculty. At a very early age I learned to read from the viewpoint of the author, and when I first tried writing, at the age of fifty, I found little difficulty, for I had learned to write from reading. And because of the guidance given me by public librarians, I'd had the best teachers in the English Speaking World -- the authors of the classics. How about calling the talk, "My Alma Mater: The Public Library"?

Now as to time and transportation: I could take a United Airlines flight from San Francisco at 8:00 A.M. on Friday, April 23, that would get me into Lincoln at 2:57 P.M. Otherwise, it seems that I would have to leave here on Western Airlines at 12:30 P.M. on the 22nd, arriving in Lincoln at 8:45 on the Frontier line from Denver. Returning, I could leave from North Platte at 8:59 P.M. on Sunday, stay over night at Denver, and come home Monday forenoon, or go back to Lincoln and fly from there on Monday.

As always, I'm way behind schedule with my work (the reason for so long a delay in this reply), so would like to limit my time away from his old machine to as little over three days as possible. I am, however, most anxious to make whatever appearances and talks you'd like, so make your plans on that basis and I'll do my darndest to carry them out.

Cordially

Ralph Moody