Dear Friend:

The cornerstone of our library building has actually been laid, and two trained librarians have offered to organize our library without pay. You may be sure their gift has not been declined. However, we cannot expect them to continue their services indefinitely and we do not want them to do so — without remuneration.

To make sure that our library is kept up as it should be, I am trying to raise $50,000.00 endowment, the interest from which is to pay the salary of a trained librarian. Surely, there are fifty people in these United States of America who would give a thousand dollars each for such a purpose if only they knew the work of Piney Woods School and were informed about our need.

Maybe you are one of fifty. I hope so. But if you are not, I trust you are one who would like to help according to your means. Any gift would be appreciated. Single dollars or even a few cents, if we can get enough of them, will mean a well-organized, efficient library service for Piney Woods School for many years to come and, indeed, for many thousands of Negroes who have access to only two public libraries in the whole state of Mississippi.

I know, if you contribute, you will always be glad you have had a part in a great cause, and you, as well as we, will receive a blessing.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Director of the Academic Department

If 1000 more people will contribute $10.00 each, we shall have a trained librarian.