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Dear Miss Gilpin:

Although not under the most ideal circumstances, both the artist and her work came alive for me at Penrose Library Wednesday night. I was of course familiar with your books and had seen your excellent work in our files; Opal Harber has also spoken of you frequently, but I had not had an opportunity to hear you in person. With the crowds around you after the program, I did not wish to add one more introduction.

I hope I will have an opportunity to meet you at some future time. I have now been head of this magnificent Department for a year and a half; both Mrs. Freeze and Mrs. Harber have now retired leaving some "big shoes" to fill. I must continue the reputation of providing excellent service to our patrons and guide the growth of this collection in the future. It's an exciting challenge! I hope your Colorado work will be part of this future growth.

We will look forward to your new book on Canyon de Chelly although the printed page can never substitute for actually seeing your work with your descriptions indicating your obvious love of the Navajos and their land.

Sincerely,

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