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To Ch City Cl.

I write to register my rejection of the proposal to close suburban public libraries & the Mobile Library service. Taken over the entire spread of Chh citizens what will be the saving, compared with the cost of those closures to the community, as a whole?

I have been fortunate to have lived at a time of expanding suburban libraries, consequently my now grown family experienced the opportunity to develop a healthy habit of reading as a source of information & relaxation. To curb this opportunity would inevitably drive young children to spend more time in front of a television set. What a narrow view of the world this medium exposes them to, compared to the vast field of information & pleasure which can be derived from our libraries. When the Council considers its "Long Term Council Community Plan" please

also consider the changes likely in the future of such widely different circumstances as transport (petrol costs) & the need always to encourage the growth in the community of knowledge & skills (in the young, especially). The influence for good of our library services in this respect is impossible to over-estimate.

Yours faithfully

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