

88 Clyde Road
Christchurch
25 April 2006

The Mayor
Christchurch City Council
P O Box 237
Christchurch

Dear Sir,

RE: **CLOSING OF LIBRARIES**

Could you please reconsider the Council's proposal to close some of the Christchurch branch Libraries.

Reading and access to books is the measure of a society: Our forbears worked long and hard to get Libraries established and they have served the community well. Many of our people have limited mobility and this will increase as the community ages. To reduce the number of libraries will increase their isolation. Mothers with young children need ready access to Libraries and our children should be encouraged to use them. You have done well to increase the numbers of libraries serving the community. Please do not shut any down. Of course the mobile library should never be touched. That is an absolute necessity for those who are isolated and the infirm.

I am quite happy to have Council Rates increased if this is necessary.

Yours sincerely

Patricia Smith

