

I wish to submit, for your consideration, the following reasons why Redwood library should not close.

- 1/ Redwood library is the heart of our, often forgotten, community - it serves a large number of families with small children & several complexes of council pensioner flats.
- 2/ Mothers with toddlers & old people with walking frames etc would find it almost impossible to get to Papanui (nearest library open) on a bus.
- 3/ This means you are depriving pre-schoolers of a valuable aid of learning - to read and pensioners of a cheap form of entertainment. Children read to fun at an early age pass this on to the next generation. Trust me on this.
- 4/ If Bishopdale & Redwood library users have to use Papanui, surely it was a bad decision to decrease floor space by putting in a large council desk there.
- 5/ New sub-divisions are being opened & built to the north so eventually the council will need more, not less, library facilities in this region. Think ahead.
- 6/ What are future plans for this building? Will it be left as a target for vandals? Better used as it is - a library.
- 7/ Last, but certainly not least, what happens to our lovely library staff? always friendly, helpful, patient. Always willing to help the hordes of school children with their home-work problems or on computers & always concerned & caring when we are ill. Friends are harder to find as we age but I count the staff as my friends after eight years. Losing them would leave a sad gap in many lives. Please re-consider the closure.

Respectfully yours

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