

3 Rossiter Avenue,
Redwood,
Christchurch 5,

Our Community Plan,
Christchurch City Council,
Christchurch.

4th May '06.

Dear Sir/Madam,

LIBRARY DESTRUCTION — Page 86 Full Plan

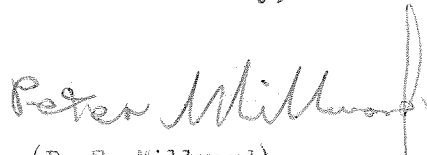
My objections to the libraries closures are as those being vigorously expressed in the media and public demonstrations by other dismayed Christchurch citizens horrified by the Council's attempt to deny access to books and other library facilities at various suburban sites.

My further objection is that the money to be saved is not an important or significant amount in comparison with other Council expenditures that are quite gross in their disproportion — the saving is small in relation to the distress caused, it just isn't worth it.

Also objectionable is the ethical affront to our society's civilised values in carrying out an operation so rebarbatively akin to the book-burning orgy indulged in by Nazi Germany in the 1930's, does the Christchurch City Council want to wear that particular hat? Need the shadow of Adolf Hitler really have to fall across Christchurch for the sake of \$450,000? Wake yourselves up.

That library destruction cuts so deep into our national psyche is further underlined by history's remembrance of the burning of the great Library of Alexandria, now some two thousand years ago; civilised folk even today still regret that great loss to the world's literary and cultural heritage. Don't follow suit with Christchurch.

Yours faithfully,


(P. E. Millward)