

DON'T CLOSE THE LIBRARY

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Dear Alderman Osterman,

Please can you just not close the library because a lot of people need the computers so that they can get their work done. ~Fredy F.

The library is important because we need to learn. Learning is good. Without the library we are not going to know anything. That is why we need a library in our life. ~Summone S.

The library is important because kids and adults need to read. Reading is important to help everybody learn. If I don't have a library I'm not going to learn. ~Ariana T.

The library is important to me and other people. We could read in the library and it is peaceful. I like the library because I joined the Book Club, and the Book Club is on a Saturday. The Book Club is a program of the library. Help me get entertained by books instead of by TV. Also, the library is an educational place. Don't cut funding, because if you do cut funding, you cut my love of books and my education. The library is an education. ~Alfonso D.

We use the library for tutoring that helps us with our homework or anything we need help with. ~Oscar B.

I look at the books. I like to see my friends at the library. ~Darylmiah W.

I love books. I love cookies. I love reading. I love pictures. I love computers. Semaj R.

I use the computer for my homework. I like books to read. Please vote against the cuts to the library. ~Mario D.

The library is important to me because it helps me do research. People might not be happy because they want their kids to learn. Maybe people might not be happy because the hours are short. If they fired staff because of the budget, they might not have new books. Please don't cut funds. Thank you. ~Kevin A.

We need the library for a lot of things. For example, we use the computers for researching things. We also check out books. We get better at reading. We also use the library because we come here for tutoring. They help us with our homework or anything we need help with. ~Yulisa R.

Reasons why there shouldn't be cuts: because the community loves to read. Also the library won't have enough workers. Then there won't be enough of checking out books. Please consider this plan. ~Leslie A.

I go to the library every single week for tutoring. Tutoring helps me be a better reader and helps me with my homework. Where will I go if the library closed? This is the only library in this area. The library is important to many students. ~Myreanna S.

Dear Alderman Osterman, I've been going to tutoring for many years, and this program has helped me a lot. I beg you to not cut the hours of the library, because without tutoring I would not be able to continue to get all "A's." ~Ladaja S.

The library important because I like the reading programs. I also like to check out books and study there. ~Felix D.

I will feel a little sad because they're cutting the library. That makes me feel upset. The library is important because I do my homework in the library and I check out my favorite books. So can you please vote against budget cuts to the library? Brayant S.

Please do not close the library because we can go to read a book. We like to tutor in the library. Thank you! ~Keily F.

The library is important because I use it for a lot of things like doing homework with my tutoring program. Also I have to be able to use the computer for other homework assignments. If they close down the library then I would have nothing to do or no education because the computer lab is never open and the library is very full all the time. Not only would I be disappointed but also others would too. They would be very angry with each other and you. Please Mr. Osterman, please don't shut down CPLs. ~Andre T.

Dear Alderman Osterman, please don't cut the Chicago Public Library hours because on Monday kids from Goudy go to tutoring there. We can study and do our homework at the library. Don't cut the staff hours because they need their hours. If you read this, please don't cut the staff and the Chicago Public Library hours. Please don't cut the hours. Please, please, please, please. ~Guadalupe M.

The library is important to me because I can learn to read books and come to get books. ~Jaritzi E.

We need the library. We get to learn new things and sometimes we study at the library too. The staff are very nice and they do their jobs very seriously, so vote against the cuts to staff. ~Myeesha McGee

I like the library because it is part of my childhood memories. I have been going to the library for many years, and it would be hurtful to me if a staff that I know was to get fired. I also think the library should have its same hours, because the library is a great place to go and think, do homework, be alone, and READ!! ~Jasmine T.

The library is an important place for children, families, and teachers. It supplies reference materials and sources of information. "When you learn to read you will forever be free"—Frederick Douglas. Kids need a place where they can read and learn. If they have that they will one day become great people. In this city we need educated children. With the library, we can have that. ~David A.

The library is important because it is a good place where children can learn different things. The library is a place for peace and quiet. The library can be a good place for tutoring. ~Andrew T.

The library is important to me for I go to tutoring. Tutoring is at the library, and if they do the cuts, there's not going to be much time. Another reason is because there is no time for checking books if you do the cuts. Also, we children are not going to get to use the computers for research and stuff. ~Joanna Salas

The library is important to me because this library helps me to read books that I like. And we have tutoring in the library. Also it helps me to do research. Please don't cut library funding. It's important to students to be able to read in the library. ~Anahi M.

I am a volunteer tutor with Inspired Youth Tutoring, and the library gives us a great and safe environment to learn together. I believe that the Chicago Public Library is incredibly important to cultivate a desire to learn in students and to provide them with a comfortable and stimulating environment in which to learn and to study. ~Monica Randall,
Loyola University Chicago

The library is important for me because I use the computers and I read a lot of books and do my homework with my tutor. ~Fernando B.

The library is important to me because they let me borrow some books. And they help us do our homework. ~Jovanny S.

I don't want you to cut staff and hours of the Chicago Public Library because the books help me learn and do my homework. The staff help me with my homework and help me improve my grades. They have computers to research things. I like it. It is fun. It is important because they teach me new things. Everardo L.

The library is important to me because it is fun. It is close to my school. I like tutoring. ~Isaac R.

The library is important to me because I get to read lots of books and do homework, and I also do not want you to shut the library down. ~Rickiah J.

The library is important to me because I can read books and you can get movies and people can sit there on their computers. Sometimes people come with their kids and read with them. ~Amaire P.

I like the library because I read books. I like to see my friends. Please vote against the cuts for the library. ~Jahit H.

Please don't close the library because we study here and are learning our math and reading. We love this library. ~Jennifer R. and Estefany V.

Please keep our library open for our after school tutoring program.

Many children get help with their schoolwork after school
~Best wishes, Margaret Price, tutor

We can read the books. The library is important because we can learn. The books help me do my homework. We can look for information. ~Frankie F.

Don't cut the money for the library because I go to a tutoring program in the library, and I need help with my homework. If the library gets shut down, I won't get help with my homework, and it would make me feel sad. ~Lizbeth V.

The library is important because I see my friends, and I go there to learn, and I go there so the tutor can help me. ~Kevin R.

The Chicago Public Library is important to me because they help us with our homework right. They let us read books that you like to read, and they let us do homework at the computer. ~Leoncio M.

Please don't make this cut, because this is important for people and students to do their homework. They can use the computers and the books. We also tutor here!!! ~Jaely

The library can help you get any book you want. Don't forget to return your books. ~Nathan B.

I come to the library every week for tutoring because it is fun for me and my cousin and my friend and my tutor. ~Amber S.

Please vote against the cuts to the library in the proposed city budget. Books are expensive to buy at a book store, and we need books from our library. Please vote against the cuts to the library. ~Darryl Y.

I like the library because they show me how to do my homework. I learn to read from the books. ~Jesus L.

The library is important to me because I like to learn. ~Valeria S.

Please vote against the cuts to the Chicago Public Library in the proposed city budget. The library is important because I can check out books. I can go to tutoring. ~Ana L.

The library is important to me because there's books to check out if we need help with homework. The library is also important because we wouldn't have this tutoring program, and no one could help me with my homework. ~Yulissa L.

Please vote against the cuts to the Chicago Public Library in the proposed city budget. The library is important to me because I can come and read books and use the computers too. ~Melissa D.

The Chicago Public Library is important to me because they help me do my homework right, and they give you free book marks for books, and they let us read the book we like. Also they give you stuff like paper when you want to color. ~Judith L.

The Chicago Public Library is important to me because we learn. We come to work. They help me do my homework. They give me books and any book is fun. The tutor lets us read any book. ~Sheila M.

You should not cut the library hours because it's a quiet place to do homework instead of being distracted at home. Another is that they have computers and I get to use one for myself instead of sharing. ~David R.

You shouldn't cut any hours because it's the only time I get to go to tutoring, and without tutoring no one will help me with homework, and I might get a bad grade. MaryAnn B.

The library is important to me because I like to check out books and movies and use the computers.
~Jonathan E.

I go to the library and I enjoy it. It gives me a quiet place to work and focus. If you vote for this proposed city budget I will no longer have any of these opportunities. I will not have a quiet place to go, and it will not be fun. ~Jennifer S.

The library is important for us because it helps us get information we need. It is also important because it has open space where we can have tutoring sessions and a place to study and concentrate since it's a quiet place. A library is important because they give us a variety of books for everyone to read. ~Ambar A.

Cutting library expenses is a bad idea because we all need to learn. Without the library, students would not be able to learn. If students learn now, they will have a better job in their future. ~Edgar R.

I like the library because it's great to check out books and to read. Celeste L

We need the library for many things, like the computers to research stuff for our homework. Also we need the library because of the books to read there, and that help us learn more. Also we need the library for tutoring that helps us a lot with the homework.
~Jaime F.

The reason the library is important is because it gives kids a place to read, learn, and discover. Also, the library gives me and my friends a place to relax in peace, to do homework, or just read a good book. In my opinion the library rocks!! For most of us, it's like a get-away paradise. In conclusion, I would love and value that this library stays up and continue to help kids and others improve! And me myself is a lover of a good book!
~Lamarr S.

Students of the Inspired Youth Tutoring Program wrote these letters to Alderman Harry Osterman, asking him not to vote for spending cuts for the Chicago Public Library in the 2012 Chicago City Budget. The letters are heart-felt statements reflecting how much the students enjoy the library and how important the library is them. Since the hours for the library did end up being cut, we hope that the Monday hours for the Chicago Public Library can be restored in Summer 2012.