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Please keep the libraries open as per usual. My local branch is always busy. People using computers, getting books, classes from schools seeing puppet shows.

When my daughter was younger we often went to look at books or take part in activities. She is now finishing high school as an A student and I know that a love of reading from an early age has helped make this possible. As for myself, I cannot afford to buy books but I have an inexhaustable appetite for reading which the library helps me to sustain. Additionally, the staff are always kind, helpful and real bonuses to our communities.

Sincerely  
Joanne Hovey

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> >>> barrie pederson <barrie\_pederson@hotmail.com> 12/1/2011 12:20 PM >>>  
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> Thank you for your reply.  
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> The branches I normally frequent include the Reference Library, Deer Park, Northern District, City Hall, Parliament Street, and occasionally St. James Town, St. Lawrence, Yorkville, Bloor/Gladstone and North York Central, although the last two aren't close by. The nearest branch to where I live (not counting St. James Town, which is only open five days a week) is Parliament Street, and I notice from the second link you provided that it is likely to experience one of the highest cuts in service, at 13 hours a week.  
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> I'm sure I don't need to go into details about how deplorable this exercise seems to me, and no doubt to many other library users, but it does seem important that provision be made to ensure that all the branches in a given geographical area of the city are not closed at the same time on a given weekday. As I indicated in my preliminary enquiry, Monday mornings appear to be especially vulnerable.

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> > Could you please tell me whether there is a page on your web site that provides complete information about the proposed changes to library hours? This information is apparently posted at each branch, but a check of the "Hours and Locations" section here does not reveal the new hours that are being put forward. My immediate concern is knowing whether there are going to be any branches in my area that will still be open on Monday mornings, as both the Reference Library and Yorkville are scheduled to be closed then.  
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**Nancy Marshall - Fw: LIBRARY CUTS**

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Dear N.Marshall. Because of disability, I am unable to attend the upcoming Dec. 12 Library Board meeting. Please consider this a written deputation. Please delete my home address from the public record.

Dear Councillor Doucette

Please do not let citizens be robbed of the right to information and the tools to be effective citizens in a democracy and literate contributors to our society.

The Toronto Public Library is the envy of cities around the world; it may be the one thing we have that is world class. We should take pride in a system that allows citizens of every political stripe, age, gender, financial circumstance and country of origin to share their use and love of the Library. Lines are crossed; we interact in our Library community hub. It may be the one thing that we have in common.

Libraries should be allowed to flourish and be open seven days a week not just in areas like mine but everywhere, especially in high priority neighbourhoods. Library access should not be a privilege in more affluent areas but an entitlement to all members of the public.

I would rather pay higher taxes than have individual library fees so that everyone has access to the Library. I don't ever want someone to have to produce a 'specially coloured card, chit or badge' if unable to pay a fee. I don't want anyone to be stigmatized or worse, to be too humiliated to use the service. This identification should not be employed in any City services for the same reasons. Not on our watch, please. We are all on loan as caretakers of our Libraries and the City; let us assume that responsibility with pride. When one is bettered, we are all better for it.

At least \$26 million is owed in arrears by the business/corporate sector. I consider this the 'gravy' that is being overlooked by the Mayor. Why is this not part of the discussion? What other outstanding monies are unexplored or ignored as a revenue source?

There are now rumours that Bookmobiles and Home Service for shut-ins are being considered for cuts. Although the idea of choosing the most vulnerable citizens for exclusion seems to be 'trending' in this budget, people that use these services usually have no other options. I use the Bookmobile close to me as my Library because I have Multiple Sclerosis and it is usually too difficult to get any further. I am grateful that I have the opportunity to order books on line and have easy access to them.

I thank Paul Ainslie for requesting an apology from Councillor Del Grande. Multilingual proficiency increases literacy skills; studies over the last three decades confirm this.

Perhaps the Library Board should be taking a lesson from the Police Board; we have made all the cuts we can and future cuts will be negotiated over the next four years.

NO MORE CUTS, PLEASE

Yvonne Morley, [REDACTED]

cc Mayor Ford, Paul Ainslie, N.Marshall

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