



# Councillor Mike Layton

City Councillor - Ward 19 Trinity-Spadina



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March 26, 2012

Dear Councillor Ainslie, Toronto Public Library Board Chair and Members of the Library Board,

I am writing today to urge you to get our libraries open again. Please get the Library Board back at the table with library workers and negotiate a fair contract.

I know that you understand the importance of our libraries and the invaluable role they play in our communities. They are the places where our children first learn to read, where newcomers seek out employment tools, where our students access resources to complete their education and much more. Our public libraries are community hubs, free and accessible to all and we cannot afford to have all of our branches closed for much longer.

I have received hundreds of emails from my residents. Our library system is one of the best in the world and it is so great because of the people that work for it. The City must be fair to them.

Our library branches have now been closed to Torontonians for one week. 2,300 of our library workers have been unpaid for one week. The Library Board must return to the table and a fair contract must be negotiated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Layton".

Mike Layton  
Councillor, City of Toronto  
Ward 19, Trinity-Spadina