

Nancy Marshall

From: Laurie Cumming [REDACTED]
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To: Nancy Marshall
Subject: Library safety

Dear Ms. Marshall,

I am a frequent library user and I am worried about the severe cuts made to the security plan at TPL.

Over the years I have visited the library and made use of the children's programs, its vast resources for research projects, and the expertise of the librarians and staff. TPL is a refuge, not just for me and my family but for many of our homeless and mentally unstable citizens.

While the majority of those who visit the local libraries are able to manage within the rules of the library system I have witnessed the few who need intervention by security staff. Some of these people publicly urinate or behave unpredictably or threateningly disrupt the experience of other patrons. Yes, the TPL is open to everyone however my safety should not be put at risk by these individuals.

I have a pleasant experience most of the time because the security guards allow me to. They work with those who cannot maintain personal control and I am grateful for their efforts.

TPL have provided the funds necessary for a safe environment in which to learn, work, and relax. Please do not cut the service funding for security when we need it the most.

Regards,
Laurie