

# NATIONAL LIBRARIES MUSEUMS & GALLERIES DEMONSTRATION

## Saturday 5th November

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### Assemble outside the British Library 12 noon

More details on the route of the demonstration in September

**It's the demonstration every Library campaigner has been calling for and now it's on. The march will start from the iconic British Library and end outside the House of Commons for a Rally.**



**“I give my 100% support to this demonstration. The Tories have devastated our public services using austerity policies as justification. I promise that a Labour Government will act to ‘in-source’ our public and local council services and increase access to leisure, arts and sports across the country. We will reverse the damage the Tories have done to our communities in the cities, towns and villages.”**  
**JEREMY CORBYN, Leader of Labour Party**

**“I will be marching with you on 5th November. This is the kind of social movement Jeremy is talking about. The Tories’ ideological obsession to destroy public services is clear for all to see. They have waged a six-year war on our Libraries, our Museums and our Galleries. These valuable public services reflect, support and celebrate the rich diversity of our communities and should be nourished not destroyed.”**  
**JOHN McDONNELL, Shadow Chancellor**



Public Libraries and Museums remain the lynchpin of communities, offering access to learning, reading, history, art, information and enjoyment. Libraries are, or should be, trusted public spaces for everyone. They play a crucial role in improving literacy, in combating the digital divide and in widening democratic involvement.

BUT, in the UK since 2010, we've LOST:

- 8,000 paid and trained library workers;
- 343 libraries (600-plus including ones handed to volunteers); and
- one in five regional museums at least partially closed.

We've also seen:

- Libraries' and museums' opening hours cut;
- Budgets, education

programmes and mobile/housebound/specialist services slashed;

- an escalation in commercialisation and privatisation;
- a 93% increase in the use of volunteers in libraries;
- income generation become the priority for almost 80% of museums.

This is a crisis and not an opportunity. Users, staff,

campaigners and unions need to unite and fight before it's too late. PCS Culture Sector, Unite the Union, Barnet UNISON & Save Barnet Libraries, and Campaign for the Book have been calling for a national demonstration to highlight the 'clear and present danger' to our national Library service. Support the protest on 5th November!

**“Libraries are the second most popular public service after the NHS. They offer education, inspiration and access to knowledge, the foundations of democracy. Sadly, they are under attack from government cuts as never before. It is time to stand up for libraries. Please support this demonstration.”**  
**● ALAN GIBBONS, Author, organiser of ‘Campaign for the Book’**

