

MARCH FOR LIBRARIES!

Join the march to support our libraries

Sat 28th March
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 South Friern to North Finchley via East Finchley

Save Barnet Libraries is campaigning for a properly comprehensive service maintained, enhanced and run by professional librarians and library workers employed by Barnet Council. The council are proposing a 60% cut to the libraries budget. This could mean the closure of 6 branches or 10 branches reduced to 540 sq feet (just twice the size of the average British living room). Most libraries would only be staffed 40% of the time; CCTV and swipe cards would provide the only 'security' at other times.

Tell Barnet's politicians you oppose the cuts

Write to your MP* and tell them to lobby the councillors to reconsider. Write to your local councillors, who will be making the decision*. Tell them:

- why your local library is important to you and your family
- why libraries are important for the whole community: children learning to read, young people who need a place to study, job seekers who need access to a computer, older people who need a warm companionable space
- to look for ways to make better use of library buildings to generate money that can be reinvested in the library service.

Sign the petition (currently 9,500 signatures)

http://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/no-to-closure-of-barnet-libraries

Get involved and support your library

e-mail Savebarnetlibraries@hotmail.com and we'll put you in touch with your local user group or we'll help you get one going. Express your views at your local residents' association or place of worship.

*see contact details overleaf



Barnet MPs have all expressed reservations about the cuts. Please put pressure on them to take this further and join the campaign to save our libraries.

- Chipping Barnet MP **Theresa Villiers** theresa@theresavilliers.co.uk
- Finchley & Golders Green MP Mike Freer mike.freer.mp@parliament.uk
- Hendon MP Matthew Offord matthew.offord.mp@parliament.uk

Barnet council's ruling Conservative administration has a majority of one. Each of these councillors has the power to stop the cuts but has chosen not to do so in votes so far. Write to: Conservative Group Room, Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, NW4 4BG or e-mail:

<u>The Leader of the council</u> (elected with the help of a campaign to stop Totteridge library shutting): **Richard Cornelius** cllr.r.cornelius@barnet.gov.uk

Councillors on the Children, Education Libraries and Safeguarding Committee (CELS):

Reuben Thompstone (Golders Green) cllr.r.thompstone@barnet.gov.uk (chair of the CELS committee) • Bridget Perry (High Barnet) cllr.b.perry@barnet.gov.uk (vice-chair) • Alison Cornelius (Totteridge) cllr.a.cornelius@barnet.gov.uk • Daniel Thomas (Church End) cllr.d.thomas@barnet.gov.uk • Helena Hart* (Edgware) cllr.h.hart@barnet.gov.uk

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*Councillors who have publically stated support for libraries but still voted for the cuts

