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13,295 e-mails received as of 4:45pm, July 26, 2011

I love my community library. It's essential to the children and adults in our neighbourhood.

I fear privatization of some or all of the operations of the Toronto Public Library will result in less access to the information and other vital services our public libraries offer at little or no cost as branches are closed, hours of operation limited, staff cut, user fees increased and fewer books are purchased so that some corporation can make a profit.

Privatization would also mean that our city which would lose a powerful educational and cultural force that opens books and opens minds, taking from Toronto a public service that all other great cities jealously guard.

I urge you to keep our libraries open, fully publicly-operated and working for Toronto's citizens rather than corporate shareholders.