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**To:** Budget Committee <[BudgetCommittee@london.ca](mailto:BudgetCommittee@london.ca)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for the London Public Library Funding Request - Municipal Budget

Dear members of the budget committee,

I'm writing today to express my support for the London Public Libraries funding request as part of the current budget cycle. I was deeply concerned to read the possibility of branches closing, notably the Carson Branch which serves a community which includes many families with young children in the heart of Old East Village. Libraries are a critical touch point in the lives of our community, and the Carson branch in particular is a lifeline for me and my family after the birth of our first child. Our weekly visits have brought joy to our daughter and fostered an early love of books, and connected her to other children and families in the community.

I would urge you and the city councilors to please give further consideration to investing in these important spaces that enrich our communities.

Sincerely,

Julia Beltrano

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