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Subject: [EXTERNAL] FUND OUR LIBRARY

This is not the time to be cutting the budget of the London Library. If we have to pay more property taxes, oh well. The people most in need of its services don't pay taxes. The rest of us need to pony up. The fact is the library saves each of us hundred of dollars a year with services you can't really even put a price on. I can't afford to buy all the books I read in a year. Or pay for access to research materials in the archives. How much value is added to our community by outreach programs like ESL and children's programs? The library provides employment for hundreds of skilled people. The buildings are a safe place to go.

City Council and Mayor MAKE THE LIBRARY A PRIORITY.

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