

Section 1:

#1 Strengths: Your opening paragraph creates a vivid image of demolition and effectively establishes your emotional connection to the library. Your passion for the cause comes through strongly.

Weaknesses: Overblown language → Your writing uses very dramatic and exaggerated expressions that might seem insincere to the reader. Phrases like "heart wrenching and detrimental proposal," "money hungry soulless shopping center," and "severing an artery along the tapestry of our community" are so emotional they might distract from your actual points.

Exemplar: ***I'm writing to express my deep concern about the proposal to demolish Greendale Library. As a student who has spent countless productive hours there, I believe replacing it with a shopping centre would be a significant loss to our community.***

#2 Strengths: You clearly explain how the library benefits students who may not have access to resources at home. You make a good point about environmental benefits of borrowing rather than buying books.

Weaknesses: Accusatory tone → Your writing includes sentences that may offend the councillor rather than persuade them. The question "Would you want to be remembered as the councillor who condemned dozens of innocent students to an uneducated future" comes across as an attack rather than a persuasive point.

Exemplar: ***Students from all economic backgrounds rely on the library's resources. For many families who cannot afford computers or textbooks at home, the library provides essential access to educational materials.***

#3 Strengths: You effectively highlight the library's role as a community gathering place. You provide specific examples of how different groups use the library, making your argument more concrete.

Weaknesses: Repetitive structure → Your writing in this section repeats the sentence pattern "People can..." or "They can..." too frequently, making your argument sound mechanical. Phrases like "Our local library serves our community" and "Our library is like the heart of our community" state the obvious without adding depth.

Exemplar: ***Beyond books, our library hosts valuable community programs such as technology lessons for seniors, English courses for immigrants, and creative activities for children like the popular Rhyme Time sessions.***

■ Your letter shows genuine passion for saving the library, but it would be more persuasive with a calmer, more factual approach. Try to focus on specific examples rather than emotional language. Instead of saying the library is "sacred" or "hallowed," explain exactly what makes it valuable to you personally. You could improve the second paragraph by sharing a specific story about how you or a classmate used the library when you couldn't access resources elsewhere. Additionally, consider adding some practical suggestions for the council - perhaps the library could be renovated rather than demolished? Or the shopping centre could include a library space? Councillors are more likely to respond to balanced arguments and practical solutions than emotional appeals. Remember that they're making decisions based on many factors, so acknowledging their perspective will make your letter more persuasive.

Score: 39/50

Section 2:

19 Hayman St 222 Glarth St Monday, 14th April 2025 Re: Greendale Library Demolition

Dear ~~Councilor~~ [Councillor] Thompson,

#1 I'm Jay, a student from Greendale public school, writing to you concerning the ~~heart wrenching and detrimental proposal to demolish the Greendale Library and build yet another money hungry soulless shopping center~~ [proposal to demolish Greendale Library and replace it with a shopping centre, which I believe would be detrimental to our community]. ~~Imagine the sound of a fleet of bulldozers advancing towards the rubble of our library, its once dignified facades lay in ruin shattered among the hard earth. Each brick and floorboard wrenched from its position is severing an artery along the tapestry of our community. The cacophony of rubble falling, splintering wood and glass shattering would echo through our streets leaving us yearning for lost cultural memory and intellectual potential.~~ [The thought of losing our library building, with its familiar façade and welcoming interior, is deeply concerning to many in our community.] This is what our ~~glorious~~ library might become within the following months. As an ~~anguished~~ [a concerned] student who has spent many hours at the library, I find myself urged to voice my opinion. The library's ~~hallowed~~ halls have been a place for me, and many others, to finish homework and study for exams. How can we justify ~~extinguishing the flame of~~ [closing] the library? The ~~mere thought of a world devoid of those sacred shelves and books haunts me~~ [community without access to these resources concerns me greatly]. I implore you to stand against this ~~horrendous~~ proposal and reconsider this ~~catastrophic~~ decision before it is irreversible.

#2 The ~~destruction~~ [closure] of our library would leave a ~~monumental~~ [significant] void in our community. Not just me but many of my fellow peers at the Glarth St public school adore the

library. It's a haven for learning. ~~Destroying~~ [Closing] the library would ~~ruin the future~~ [impact the education] of the dozens of students who rely on the resources of Greendale Library. ~~Would you want to be remembered as the councilor who condemned dozens of innocent students to an uneducated future.~~ [Many students depend on these resources for their education and future opportunities.] Not everyone can afford study tools, like books and computers. The library might be the only place some students have access to resources. Unfortunately due to shifting economic conditions some may not be able to afford computers or textbooks. For environmentally conscious people, instead of cutting down trees, which is bad for the environment, people can borrow books while being environmentally friendly. This evidently shows that the library is a key community resource.

The library is also a place for people to connect with each other. Some students wait with their friends at the library and read or study before their parents pick them up. Additionally students use it to study. They can study for exams in a supportive and friendly area. For some students the library is the place where they can finish assignments and homework. They can get in last minute study time before exams. People form study groups where a few friends help each other out before exams. These groups can be crucial for boosting morale in the days counting down to the exam. ~~Our library is like the heart of our community interconnecting us like a map of veins and arteries.~~ [Our library serves as a central meeting place that connects various parts of our community.]

#3 Our local library serves our community. Under the safety of the library people gather for social groups or activities. Senior citizens can learn how to use modern day technology by trying the free computers at the library. Immigrants can use the free Library's English courses to start a new life in our beloved town. ~~Tearing down Greendale library is ripping a gaping hole in the fabric of our community.~~ [Losing Greendale Library would remove an important resource from our community.] People can gather to learn skills such as knitting or drawing. The library workers also set up activities for younger kids. Take Rhyme Time for example where toddlers have picture books read to them and sing nursery rhymes. The library fosters community spirit and brings people together. We cannot let the library turn into a shopping ~~complex~~ [centre]. Our library ~~physically expands our knowledge, nourishes our spirits, and unites our community~~ [provides knowledge, supports learning, and creates a sense of community].

Our community entrusts you with the power to change our community, we hope that you will make the right decision and call off the proposal. With ~~heartfelt cries~~ [sincere concern] I hope you will take my letter into consideration. The library is a beacon of knowledge, its presence boosting our community's intellectual level. Community must be protected, knowledge must be protected, our library must be protected.

Yours sincerely, Jay