

Section 1

#1

Strengths: Your opening effectively establishes libraries as essential spaces for growth and learning. You use the metaphor of libraries as a "bridge connecting people and stories."

Weaknesses: Inconsistent tone and emotional appeal → Your first paragraph shifts between logical arguments and emotional pleas without a clear structure. For example, you write "Don't just think about how it will affect you, think about how it will affect others!" which seems rushed compared to your more developed points.

Exemplar: *"Libraries aren't just buildings filled with books—they are essential community hubs where people of all ages connect with stories, knowledge, and each other. Removing our local library would deprive families of crucial educational opportunities and creative outlets that no digital alternative can replace."*

#2

Strengths: You make a compelling comparison between libraries and other commercial spaces. The gold and dirt metaphor effectively illustrates your point about relative value.

Weaknesses: Unclear hypothetical scenario → Your description of a "dull, lifeless world" doesn't clearly connect to the specific benefits of physical libraries. When you write "Imagine a dull, lifeless world where everything was done for you in technology," the scenario feels exaggerated without supporting details.

Exemplar: *"While shopping centres might generate more immediate revenue, libraries provide long-term value through education, community building, and access to resources that cannot be replaced by technology. Like soil that nurtures growth, libraries cultivate minds and strengthen our community in ways that commercial spaces cannot."*

#3

Strengths: You effectively include statistics about library usage to support your argument. The Neil Gaiman quote adds credibility and emotional weight to your point.

Weaknesses: Citation format → Your reference to "researcher Neil Gaiman" is incorrect, as he is primarily known as an author. You also format the quote inconsistently with both asterisks and

italics, writing "***As researcher Neil Gaiman once noted, ***'Libraries are the gates to the future.'***"

Exemplar: *"Libraries remain one of our most democratic institutions, with over 172 million Americans holding library cards. As renowned author Neil Gaiman eloquently stated, 'Libraries are the gates to the future'—gates that must remain open for everyone in our community."*

■ Your persuasive letter shows passion for libraries, but needs a clearer structure to make your argument stronger. Your opening could be more focused on your main point rather than asking several questions in a row. Try organising your ideas into clearer paragraphs that each make one strong point with examples. Also, your comparisons (like the gold and dirt one) are creative but sometimes get lost in long sentences. Try breaking these into shorter, punchier statements. Your fourth paragraph is your strongest because it uses specific numbers and a quote to support your argument. You could improve the other paragraphs by adding similar concrete details about your local library. Finally, watch your tone throughout—sometimes you sound angry rather than persuasive, which might make readers defensive instead of agreeing with you.

Overall Score: 41/50

Section 2

Greetings all members of the Department of ~~renovation~~ [Renovation],

Libraries are a place for growing, learning and connecting through Books. But just like food and water it [they are] a necessity and a privilege to have books and libraries. Why ~~you ask?~~ [, you might ask.] Because libraries are like a bridge connecting people and stories and are a quiet abode to relax. Without libraries~~,~~ families would lose a chance to open up their creative ~~mind~~ [minds] and a [experience a] large loss of education and knowledge. Don't just think about how it will affect you, think about how it will affect others! How could you expect a world to thrive without Libraries, a place of inspiration and knowledge stripped from them. #1

~~Imagine a dull, lifeless world where everything was done for you in technology. When there were no human perspectives in stories; no emotions.~~ [Imagine a dull, lifeless world where technology does everything for you—where stories lack human perspectives and emotions.] This is what could happen if you take away Libraries from our joyful community. Libraries are a place to open your creative minds, share them with the world through books. Libraries are a place where people can relate to their ~~experience~~ [experiences] and have some laughs and giggles while listening to documentaries of love, comedy, adventure. Why should we be happy when someone like you takes away shared experiences written on pages~~.~~ [?] How is a shopping

mall or a supermarket more valuable than this? It is like comparing Gold and dirt; But you don't remember that we need dirt to live. #2

Many people assume that all useful information is found online, which is simply not true. Libraries carry rare books, sacred information and specialised research material which is [are] not able to be copied with AI. Taking away the library would mean deleting access to many scriptures and texts that are very valuable to this day. All these creative minds and researchers have put their own days into this whereas making it online ~~work~~ takes less than a minute. But these books have things that you can't just find on ~~google~~ [Google]. Opportunities would disappear if you delete our local library.

The library should not be deleted because it is one of the most accessible public spaces available to everyone, regardless of age, income, or background. Unlike many places that require a purchase or membership, libraries are free and open to all, offering a safe and welcoming environment. Over **172 million Americans** have library cards, and public libraries see more than **1.3 billion visits** each year, showing how deeply integrated they are in people's daily lives. For individuals with disabilities, seniors, or those without reliable transportation, libraries often serve as local, reachable hubs for resources and support. **As ~~researcher~~ [author] Neil Gaiman once noted, ***"Libraries are the gates to the future."*** Removing them would mean closing off one of the last truly inclusive and accessible spaces in our communities. #3

At the end of the day, libraries are more than buildings, they are gateways to knowledge. Once it is [they are] gone, books, quiet places to think and access to limited knowledge are gone too. This library is a treasure that we can't afford to lose~~.~~

Sincerely, Olivia Penumethssa, The ~~department~~ [Department] of Justice