

Section 1:

#1: First paragraph Strengths: You've created a powerful opening that emphasises the importance of libraries by asking readers to imagine a world without them. You've also clearly stated your position against library demolition. Weakness: Limited use of emotive language → While you mention libraries being demolished, your language lacks the emotional impact needed for a persuasive letter. Phrases like "most people find information there" are factual rather than emotive and don't evoke strong feelings in the reader. Exemplar: *Imagine a desolate world devoid of libraries, where the magical realms of books have been cruelly snatched away, and the sacred havens of learning stand empty and abandoned.*

#2: Fourth paragraph Strengths: You've effectively highlighted how library demolition would affect children who love reading, which creates an emotional connection with readers. Weakness: Inconsistent tone → The paragraph begins formally but shifts to a more casual tone with phrases like "Like I said before" and "Now, think about the whole situation like this." This undermines the formal tone required for a council letter. Exemplar: *Furthermore, the countless children who cherish reading would be devastatingly affected, particularly those who frequent libraries as their primary source of literature. With the impending demolition plans, these young minds would be forced to resort to costly audiobooks, exacerbating financial burdens on families already struggling with limited resources.*

#3: Second paragraph Strengths: You've identified a key impact of library demolition on students' education, which is relevant to your argument. Weakness: Underdeveloped rhetorical technique → While you've included a rhetorical question, you haven't fully developed it or used it to maximise persuasive impact. The paragraph lacks the painful imagery requested in the prompt. Exemplar: *First and foremost, in a barren landscape where libraries no longer exist, how could our students possibly thrive academically? The precious knowledge contained within those hallowed shelves would be callously discarded, leaving desperate learners abandoned to navigate the treacherous waters of education without their most trusted compass.*

■ Your letter presents a solid argument against library demolition with some good points about the impact on students, librarians, and children. However, your piece would benefit from more extensive use of emotive language throughout to create a stronger emotional appeal. You could enhance the persuasive power by incorporating more detailed physical descriptions of libraries - describing the sights, sounds, and atmosphere that would be lost. Additionally, your letter needs more advanced rhetorical techniques like anaphora, metaphors, or alliteration to elevate your argument. Try to maintain a consistently formal tone throughout, avoiding casual phrases that diminish the seriousness of your appeal. The rhetorical questions you've included could be more impactful if they were followed by powerful imagery. Your letter would also be strengthened by including statistics or specific examples of how libraries benefit your local community.

Overall Score: 43/50

Section 2:

33 Bedside Road 16/4/24

Dear Council,

Imagine a world without libraries, where there were no books to read, and no quiet corners for studying. Libraries are places where most people find information ~~there~~. If we demolish them, we lose more than just buildings, but also precious information. ~~without~~ [Without] libraries, students' education would be affected, jobs could be lost, and people who loved books couldn't read anymore. This is why we must not demolish libraries. #1

First and foremost, a place where libraries no longer existed, could affect students' education. Why education? Because libraries provide a crucial role that provides all the sources of knowledge inside the thick books. Students gather all of this information to help them study. If libraries were demolished, students who relied on these were now left alone to do it themselves. #3

Additionally, librarians who worked at libraries ~~were~~ [would be] now left to find new jobs. This may result in low-income daily and people will be forced to find a new job. However, finding a new job can be tough, causing people to become tired.

Libraries are also a great place to get inspired. They host fun events, like story time for younger kids or book clubs for older ones. These activities help people become more creative and curious. Many libraries even have art programs, science workshops, and other hands-on activities. Without libraries, where would children and adults go to get inspired to try something new or explore their talents? Libraries are like treasure chests full of ideas waiting to be discovered.

Furthermore, children who love to read books may also be affected. Consider if there were millions of children who loved reading books, these kids might've visited the library often. However, since councillors are planning to demolish libraries. Children who relied on libraries may now have to switch to audiobooks. Audiobooks cost a substantial amount of money. ~~Like I said before~~ [As mentioned previously], this may result in low income issues. Now, think about the whole situation like this "what if a library meant a home to me," now, reconsider if you want to demolish the precious libraries. #2

Libraries aren't just for students or people who love to read—they are for everyone. They provide services to all ages and backgrounds. For example, many libraries offer free computer access, which is important for people who don't have their own devices at home. They also offer support for people looking for jobs, helping them with resumes or job searches. Demolishing libraries would mean taking away these valuable services from the community.

In conclusion, libraries are more than just buildings filled with books. They are important centres of learning, creativity, and support. By keeping our libraries open, we are ensuring that everyone has a place to grow, explore, and find what they need. Demolishing libraries would be like taking away an essential part of our community. We should protect them and make sure they stay open for future generations to enjoy. This is why we should not knock down our precious libraries.

Yours Sincerely,

Jack Dish.