

Section 1

#1: Opening Paragraph

Strengths:

- Your opening creates a vivid picture with "a world so engulfed by digital technology," which helps readers imagine what you're describing
- You directly address the mayor, making your letter feel personal and purposeful

Contradictory Message: → Your introduction confuses readers because you first say "the use of books is in our lives is crucial now more than ever," but then immediately argue that libraries should be shut down. These two ideas work against each other. If books are crucial, why would we want to close libraries where people can access them? This makes it hard for readers to understand what you actually believe. You need to choose one clear position—either books are important and libraries should stay, or books aren't needed anymore and libraries should close.

Exemplar: "I believe that in our digital age, physical libraries have become outdated, and their buildings could serve our community better in new ways."

#2: Body Paragraph on Digital Access

Strengths:

- You provide specific reasons why digital books might be better, such as quick searching and easy access
- Your phrase "Forget a trip to the library, we are in the Digital Age" creates a memorable ending to your point

Incomplete Reasoning: → Your paragraph assumes everyone can easily "purchase an e-book" without considering that many people cannot afford to buy books or devices to read them on. Libraries provide free access to books for everyone in the community, including families who don't have extra money for purchasing e-books or tablets. You also don't explain what would happen to people without internet

access at home. Your argument would be stronger if you acknowledged these concerns and explained how people without money or technology would get books if libraries closed.

Exemplar: "Whilst e-books offer convenience, we must ensure all community members, including those who cannot afford digital devices or internet access, still have ways to access reading materials."

#3: Final Body Paragraph on Costs

Strengths:

- You identify a real concern about funding and expenses that adults managing libraries must consider

Unclear Logic and Grammar: → This paragraph contains several confusing sentences that make your point hard to follow. When you write "We all need staff in a library to guide and help us do what we are doing," readers don't understand what specific "doing" you mean. The phrase "they also need to buy need books being made" has extra words that don't belong. Your comparison to "online shopping" doesn't quite fit because libraries aren't shops—they lend books for free. Additionally, saying "you get to keep your e-book" ignores that buying e-books costs money each time, whilst borrowing library books is free. Your argument needs clearer sentences and a more accurate comparison.

Exemplar: "Libraries require funding for staff salaries and new books. However, the cost of maintaining libraries provides free access to thousands of books, whilst purchasing individual e-books means families must pay for each title they want to read."

■ Your piece tackles an interesting topic about how technology affects our community spaces. However, your writing needs more depth in several areas. First, you need to fix the contradiction in your introduction—decide clearly whether books are important or not, then stick with that position throughout. Additionally, your arguments would be much stronger if you thought about different types of people in your community. Not everyone has money for e-books or devices, and not everyone has internet at home. What happens to them if libraries close? You should also consider what libraries offer beyond just books—many provide free internet access, homework help, community programmes, and safe spaces for people. Your paragraph about costs needs clearer sentences so readers can follow your thinking. Try reading each sentence aloud to yourself—if it sounds confusing, rewrite it in

simpler words. Also, when you make comparisons (like libraries versus online shopping), make sure you're comparing similar things. Finally, your conclusion feels rushed. Instead of quickly listing your points again, try explaining why your ideas would make the community better. What specific benefits would people gain? Think deeply about your topic and add more substance to convince your reader.

Overall Score: 40/50

Section 2

Dear Mayor, I present to you,

The End of Libraries: An Outdated System in a Digital Age

#1 Imagine a world so engulfed by digital technology that books are no longer used or appreciated. ~~That's why I implore you to reflect on the points I'm about to present—because the use of books is in our lives is crucial now more than ever. I believe that vast, haunting libraries must be transformed, so join me in ushering out the old and welcoming the new!~~ **[I believe our community's future depends on embracing digital technology, which is why we must transform our vast libraries and usher in a new era. Join me in welcoming this change!]**

#2 Foremost, we are living in the digital age—a time when traditional books could become outdated. The fragile pages of physical books can be ruined by water, fire, or time, making libraries unnecessary in a world where everything is accessible online. Why rely on ~~aging~~ [ageing], bulky books when you can embrace digital technology and simply purchase an e-book? Instead of spending hours searching for a single title, you can find almost any book online in just minutes. Forget a trip to the library [;] we are in the Digital Age.

Secondly, towering library buildings could be put to better use in today's world. Instead of housing shelves of rarely touched books, these large spaces could be transformed into exciting venues like laser tag centres, coworking hubs, or rentable event spaces. Repurposing libraries in this way would better serve modern communities and reflect the shift ~~toward~~ [towards] digital information access. So shut the book [and] grab what libraries don't offer.

~~#3 Finally, cost and maintenance. We all need staff in a library to guide and help us do what we are doing. But when hiring employees, you need to pay them. Where's the money coming from, and they also need to buy new books being made, so more money is needed to fund these. Libraries just drain money while on the other hand online shopping needs no employees which saves and makes money! Plus, you get to keep your e-book!~~ [we must consider costs and maintenance. Libraries require staff members who guide visitors and assist with finding books, and these employees need salaries. Furthermore, libraries must continuously purchase newly published books to keep their collections current. These ongoing expenses drain community funds. In contrast, digital platforms require fewer staff members and allow readers to purchase e-books directly, eliminating maintenance costs whilst enabling people to build their own permanent collections.]

To sum up, I personally believe libraries are ~~a no~~ [no longer necessary]. Why? Because technology ~~is~~ [has been] invented, the ~~building~~ [buildings] could be put to good use ~~and~~ [, and] there are financial issues caused by libraries. So throw out books [and] ~~a~~ long trips to the library [—let's] ~~let's~~ start a new era deeper into ~~tech~~ [technology].

Sincerely, Farzana