

Hi Ms. Loveridge,

I am writing as a concerned citizen regarding proposed reductions in library services for students in Montana. There is no time in our history that access to information has been as important as it is now.

Students need access to broad sources information as well as education about the consumption of this information. Without libraries, students will have (at least) one less source of vital, unbiased information and without librarians, they will have little guidance about how to discriminate between the many sources and types of information they encounter.

Like other cuts in funding, this hits the least advantaged the hardest. Libraries are where students research, both in print and via internet access. Many Montana children do not have access to the internet at home.

Please support libraries and librarians in schools. It is vital to the future of our children and the future of Montana.

Sincerely,

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