

**From:** [Jennifer Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Matt Brown](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Youth librarian  
**Date:** Friday, May 13, 2022 8:49:35 AM

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Thank You,

Jenn

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From: Jody Janislampi <[janislampi@gmail.com](mailto:janislampi@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 8:38 AM  
To: Jennifer Johnson <[jjohnson@sthelensoregon.gov](mailto:jjohnson@sthelensoregon.gov)>  
Subject: [External] Youth librarian

I understand that our youth librarian has left the position and the library is considering not filling it in order to save money. I am all for saving money, but I think the budget cuts should go somewhere else. Youth literacy is vital to the future of our community. Please consider the important programs that will be cut as a result of not having a youth librarian and consider cutting other programs. As I understand it, if we cut the children's programs, we won't be considered a public library and we won't qualify for grants, not to mention that low-income families will be negatively affected by this change more than anyone.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Johanna Janislampi

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jennifer Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Matt Brown](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Do not slash Library positions  
**Date:** Friday, May 13, 2022 8:44:54 AM

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Thank You,

Jenn

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From: RICH <RCKJOHNSON@msn.com>  
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 6:16 PM  
To: Jennifer Johnson <jjohnson@sthelensoregon.gov>  
Subject: [External] Do not slash Library positions

Hello- I am a 22 year resident of the St Helens area. When we moved here from another state I was thrilled that St Helens has such a wonderful public library. My youngest child was in the 5th grade then- but we always read books and took our children to the library. It is hard to find activities for pre-school age children. Especially in the rainy months when going to the park is out. A public library provided me an after school refuge as a latch key kid when I was growing up. Our family was poor, and it was one of the options I had for a safe place to go after school and in the summer- and I know that is also true for many St Helens children Please do not cut staff positions or hours in the St Helens Library. It will bring hardship for many people without the means for other options and it is discriminatory towards lower income people.

I am now a retired educator and literacy is such an important facet to having well educated children who are the future! I am asking the city budget committee to please reconsider any staff or hours reductions to the city library!

Respectfully,

Cindi Johnson  
Columbia City Oregon

Sent from my iPhone