



MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

You will recall that earlier this year we asked for your support for the library service, as a result the library budget has been protected, despite this Libraries management has volunteered to cut back on front-line staffing levels by **25%**, cut local library opening hours, cut events by two thirds and downgrade library staff, whilst increasing the number of senior managers. There are no planned library closures but what will be left is a skeleton service, particularly so at the smaller libraries. We are asking you to support library staff in opposing these unnecessary cuts

A template is provided below. You can also use these e-mail addresses or send a letter to the **Town Hall, Mare Street, London E8 1EA**

mayor@hackney.gov.uk

jonathan.mcshane@hackney.gov.uk

Get the names of your councillors from any library, or on-line at www.hackney.gov.uk

Please include your name and address in your letter or e-mail as this is essential. You can also hand the letter in to Unison Library staff at any Library and we will deliver it for you or to any Parks staff who will pass it to the Unison branch office.

For more information please e-mail matthew.waterfall@hackney.gov.uk or telephone on 0208 356 4062

Name:
Address:

Dear Jules Pipe; Mayor of Hackney

I want to express my support for the library service and the important role it plays. I understand that cuts are being made to staffing levels within the libraries structure and I believe this will have a detrimental impact on the quality of service on offer to the public. Although I understand the financial pressures facing the Council at this time I am also aware that budgets in Libraries have been protected for this financial year and so please can you explain why jobs are being lost at a time when library services in Hackney are being expanded?

Signed: